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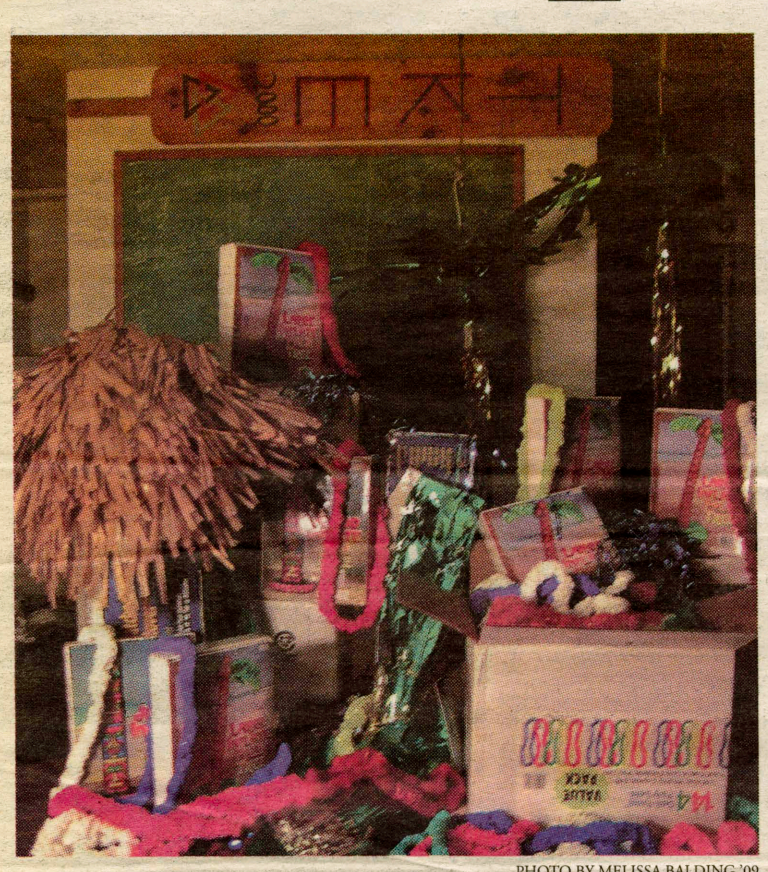

PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

TKE is preparing their palm trees and lei's for the Hawaiian Party to be held Saturday night in the Annex.

No third party catering for TKE's full Annex party

by Emma Furman '07
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When you walk into the Annex this Saturday evening for Tau Kappa Epsilon's (TKE's) annual Hawaiian Party, be prepared to see the entire space transformed into a tropical paradise, complete with totem poles to mark your entrance, lounging areas surrounded with dozens of palm trees, and of course, two tiki bars. However, you will note one crucial difference in this full annex party, the first of its kind since 2003: no third party caterers.

The hiring of an outside provider to "cater" parties that expected over 250 students in attendance has been a College policy since early in the 2003/2004. This regulation was a response to an increase in alcohol related injuries and what some worried was a negative alcohol culture on campus. However, although third party caterers were brought in to ensure that underage students were not drinking and keep those at parties safe, problems began to arise with both the manner in which they carried out their enforcement of rules and their expense.

In an October 13, 2006 *Spectator* article Eileen Starrett '07, president of Student Assembly and a member of the Alcohol Coalition, stated that some of the "tactics that the third party catering was using were borderline inappropriate." Also, these outside providers were extremely costly, leaving most Greeks unable to afford hosting an on campus party with over 250 students, and pushing larger events off campus.

However, the ISC recently submitted a proposal that received unanimous approval by the Alcohol Coalition to eliminate third party catering. Benjamin Lee '07 served on the committee that drew up the proposal and is the president of the fraternity hosting the first party without third party catering in over three years. He explained why third party catering has become unnecessary as students have proved themselves worthy of the responsibility with smaller on campus parties and the organization of parites off campus: "…students have become very adept at risk management, to the point that there have been few, if any, incidents at a student sponsored, or campus party, in recent years."

The ISC's accepted proposal outlines several different "risk management procedures," according to Lee.

According to the new rules, for this upcoming party, and any on campus party to host over 250 students, a social host will be

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PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

Over 100 children participated in Hamilton's annual Trust Treat on Halloween. For full story see page 13.

Sports Recruiting 101: The Recruit

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The first article in a series about the recruitment process at Hamilton.

Sports recruiting might be designed for attracting athletes to a school, but it also attracts rumors. Everyone knows them, but hardly anyone knows the facts…

The Recruit

The first step in any college recruitment process is finding the players. All Hamilton coaches spend a large chunk of their time, when not coaching their team, recruiting. Players can recruit Hamilton athletics or Hamilton athletics can recruit them. "The beginning of the process can happen in a lot of ways," says Perry Nizzi, head men's soccer coach and associate professor of physical education. The first way is the coaches or assistant coaches travel to tournaments, high school sectionals, and/or high school games to see the

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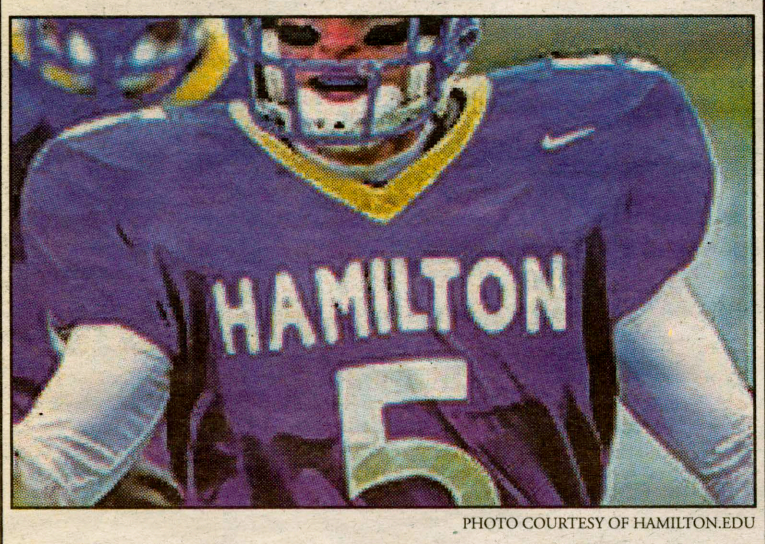

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Course syllabi to be available for registration

by Martin Connor '09
FEATURES EDITOR

Earlier this year sophomore class president Stuart Lombardi asked his fellow Student Assembly representatives to pass a resolution calling on the college to make course evaluation information available to students in order to allow them to make more educated decisions regarding course registration. Although the request was at first met with large opposition from many directions, an ad-hoc Course Information Committee was formed and due to the steadfast efforts of Lombardi, the hard work of students and professors who served on the committee, the active support of the Dean of Faculty's office and the dedicated efforts of the Registrar's office a panacea of sorts was reached whereby professors submit the syllabi for the courses they will be teaching, which students can then access through the Hamilton website course catalogue- and in time for spring '07 registration too.

"I brought this issue up in the Student Assembly in September to help students make more educated decisions about their course selection," said

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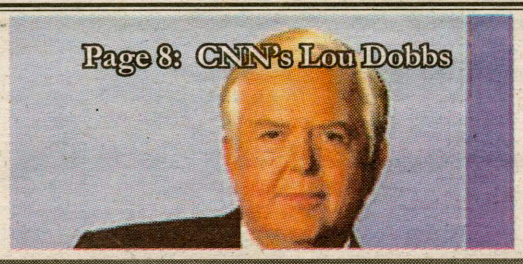

Dr. Peng Hwa Ang lectures on internet control

by Emily Poe '10
COPY EDITOR

" [I'm] glad so many of you are here," said Dr. Peng Hwa Ang, the Dean of Communication and Information at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, as he welcomed his audience to the Science Center Auditorium this past Thursday. Ang, who is also a member of the UN appointed Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG), discussed the subject of lack of global internet control and ways to improve it, in his lecture entitled "Who's Really Out to Control the Internet?"

Ang began his lecture by presenting a quick history of the internet and internet control. Along with many of his counterparts in the early 90's, Ang believed that the ATM, or Asynchronous Transfer Mode, would take off, as it was a "network system designed to check information before it went out." Instead though, it was the less reliable internet, which did not check outgoing information, that gained popularity.

"After the dot com boom occurred [around 1998]," said Ang, "the government became more interested in the internet." The U.S. government especially showed interest, as it became the controller of ICANN. ICANN, or the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, is basically the directory for all of the internet. In time, this high level of U.S. control led world leaders to contemplate more comprehensive ways of controlling the net.

Finally, the UN even decided to get involved. The Secretary General of the UN Kofi Annan set up the WGIG to investigate internet governance and problems concerning it. Ang and his fellow WGIG members met in Geneva in December of 2003 at the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), to discuss the pertinent internet governance issues at the time.

During his lecture, Ang said that the Geneva summit was positive in that it recommended a "forum for dialogue on internet related issues," as well as the "internationalization on oversight of the internet." Ang said that because the 2003 summit was so productive, the WGIG decided to hold a second one, which took place in Tunisia in November of 2005.

The Tunisian summit's main accomplishment was that it led "the U.S. to agree on a forum [for internet governance discussion]." Although the U.S. did agree to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) as a result of the Tunisian summit, ICANN still remains in control of the internet and the U.S. still remains in control of ICANN.

"The U.S. must surrender [some] powers for the larger good," said Ang, who believes that the U.S. can still maintain internet dominance while giving other countries some web autonomy.

Though net governance is among the most important issues concerning the internet presently, Ang also mentioned the coming challenges of internet use.

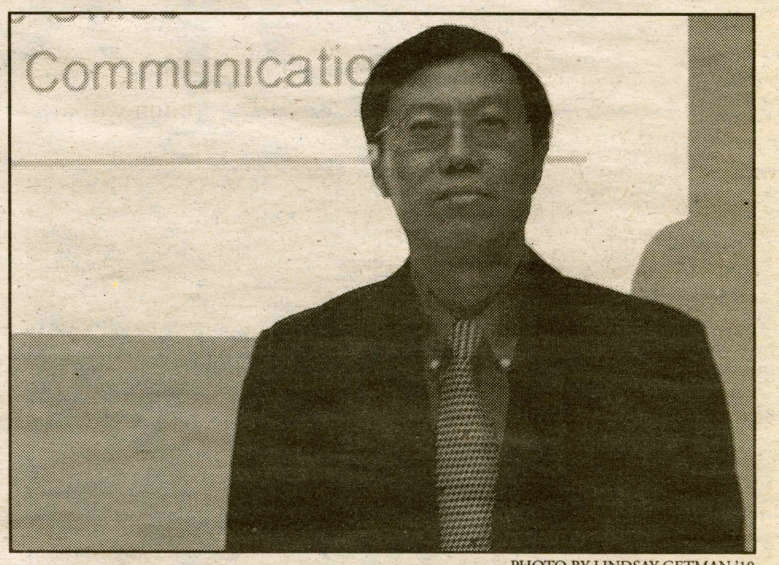

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GETMAN '10

Dr. Peng Hwa Ang, Dean of Communication and Information at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

" Globally," said Ang, "the issue of language" will pose a major problem. According to Ang, China will soon have more people on the internet than the United States. Ang also worries about this generation's growing dependence on the internet.

" [This] generation thinks the internet has everything," said Ang, " and the concern is that that's not all the information that's out there."

After delivering his lecture at Hamilton, Ang headed straight to Athens, Greece. There, he met up with the rest of the WGIG for the first ever IGF, which was created as a result of the WSIS's Tunisian summit.

Hacking discusses the role of genes in personality

by Alex Morgan '09
NEWS WRITER

The Department of Philosophy sponsored the Truax lecture on Monday by Ian Hacking, Chair of Philosophy and History of Scientific Concepts at College de France entitled "Your Future Identity: Will You Be Known by the Company You Keep or the Genes You Carry?"

Hacking began by stating that people can be characterized in both biological and social ways and that the two categories reinforce each other. Families are biosocial groups linked together by genes and the time they share with each other.

"Current fascination with biosocial groups is fueled by the genetic imperative, the present drive to find biological, but above all genetic underpinnings for all things human, in sickness or in health, in success or in strife," said Hacking.

Not everything, according to Hacking, is in our genes because there are not enough of them. The when, where, and how of the expression of genes is important. Hacking argues that genes are better for identifying criminals than fingerprints.

Fingerprints identify a person, but tell nothing else about who that person is in terms of their biological construction. DNA shows more about who a person is and his or her personal ancestry. DNA has the highest probability of accuracy when the search for a match is restricted to the neighborhood surrounding a crime.

"There is now an enormous databank within the FBI," said Hacking. "The FBI knows a lot about your neighbor's genome and by some statistical implication perhaps your own."

Poorly analyzed DNA can lead to false convictions. Reference groups such as immigrants from Mexico have similar enough DNA so that a weak analysis could pin the crime on the wrong suspect. Hacking noted the difference between the days when FBI fingerprint files, sorted mechanically, took up a room the size of a hockey rink and the current system of DNA evidence stored in computers.

Biosocial groups such as the Armenians and Hispanics in a Los Angeles neighborhood are groups united more on the basis of social rather than biological ties. Yet, the FBI has no trouble telling the difference between the two groups because each group has a distinct genotype.

Hacking discarded the commonly held belief that individuals within racial groups are just as genetically different from each other as they are to individuals of other races. For example, he cited that most people with blue eyes and blonde hair are white. Caucasians, like other races, have certain genetic characteristics

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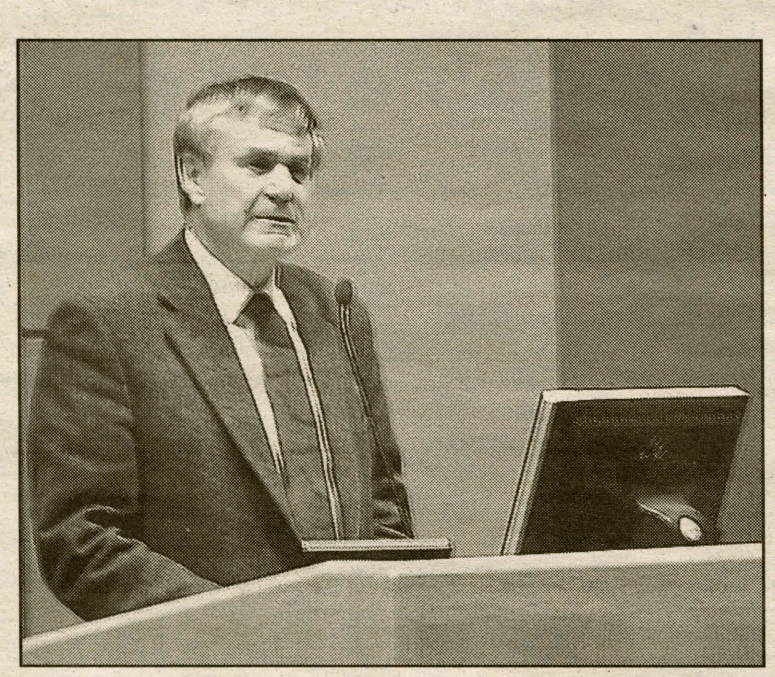

PHOTO BY GRANT ZUBRITSKY '07

Ian Hacking, Chair of Philosophy and History of Scientific Concepts at College de France.

Ghost hunter speaks on Halloween

by Laura Trubiano '07
NEWS EDITOR

In the spirit of Halloween, CAB hosted a lecture by paranormal investigator John Zaffis on Tuesday. Zaffis has over thirty years of experience studying and investigating the paranormal. His research has taken him throughout the United States, Canada, England and Scotland covering several thousands of cases. Through hands on investigating with other investigators and clergy, he has obtained a great deal of knowledge and understanding of the paranormal and is considered one of the foremost authorities in the field today.

Zaffis opened his lecture with the story that got him interested in the field. At the age of 15, he woke up one night to find the apparition of his grandfather at the end of his bec. From that point on, Zaffis became "fascinated" by the subject. He noted that he did not always believe in the paranormal. "I grew up in the '70's...we questioned everything," said Zaffis.

In the beginning of his career, Zaffis worked with psychics and mediums to investiagte hauntings. Today, investigators use "all the horns, bells and whistles," said Zaffis, meaning tools such as infrared lights and other technologically advanced tools. "But I'm from the old school," he said. "I still bring in psychics and mediums...they provide a tremendous amount of evidence."

In order to do this kind of work and to listen to and accept the stories, said Zaffis, you have to be very open-minded. Many people talk about having near-death experiences and seeing themselves from outside their body. According to Zaffis, this phenomenon occurs when the spirit or energy "goes in and out of the body." This is the same thing that happens in the alpha stage of sleep when you are falling asleep and wake up all of a sudden. According to Zaffis, in this moment before sleep, your spirit is leaving and then returnng to your body.

Zaffis relayed an experience he had in a castle in Scotland, wandering in underground tunnels. He explained the feeling of his body temperature dropping quickly. "In haunted locations, your whole body gets cold," explained Zaffis. This is because "spirits need energy to manifest." Spirits usually appear as "misty" shapes because "it takes a tremendous amount of energy to form," he said.

In the United States, said Zaffis, due to television shows and movies, people talk much more openely about their paranormal experiences than in other countries. There are also categories of people who are more likely to be receptive to hauntings. Children are the most common. "[Children] are pure and innocent," said Zaffis. "Spirits try to communicate through them." As we grow up, and people tell us these things are not real, we become less likely to report experiences.

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Online syllabi to aid in sudents' course selection

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Lombardi. "Clearly, we've made great strides since then. Syllabi for many Spring '07 courses are posted in the online course catalogue, and though we certainly don't have every syllabus, it's a great start and I'm sure the program will continue to grow."

Dean of Faculty and Professor of English Joseph Urgo agreed, saying that making course syllabi available to students is not only extremely helpful, but a far better method of aiding students in making educated registration decisions than posting course evaluations online. Dean Urgo also added that he had, in fact, already posted the syllabus for the 400-level English course that he teaches.

All those involved in bringing the program into being worked especially hard to ensure that the information is accessible to students in the most convenient manner and that professors may post this information with the utmost convenience. "The Registrar's office spoke with ITS Web Support and we got together as a group to talk about the different systems on campus and which one would be best to get this information out to students and for faculty to put this information up," said Registrar Kristin Friedel. "We developed a way for faculty to select a term and course they want to load a syllabus for and link it to the Hamilton website course catalogue."

Many agree that the practicality of this system and the inherent benefits for both students and faculty will more than ensure success for this program. "Although we have only collected a portion of course syllabi so far, the ad-hoc committee and I put great focus on making this a lasting and successful program," said Lombardi. "We worked hard with the Office of the Registrar to ensure convenience for professors in the syllabus submission process and for students in accessing these syllabi in order to guarantee that this program will benefit students for many semesters to come."

Although some faculty members expressed concern that students would use the availability of syllabi to choose the "easy" courses, Professor of Communication Catherine Phelan, who served on the ad-hoc Course Information Committee, disagreed, saying, "I believe the broader issues are more substantive. Students are concerned about making informed choices so that they can take full advantage of their education experience. Furthermore, I think that taking an active role in pursuing that information is a wise move. We want students to take initiative."

Emily Smith '09, who also served on the ad-hoc committee, brought to light an underlying issue relating to these faculty concerns, and indeed one that the people who worked to orchestrate this program held in strong consideration throughout the process: the student-faculty relationship. "The course syllabi being made available is a great way for students to know what is expected of them and for professors to set their expectations. I think the system overall will help students be more informed when choosing courses while not disrupting the positive student-faculty relationships we have here." A concern many held when the more subjective course evaluations were the center of discussion in September.

Overall students and faculty alike are embracing the new program with great enthusiasm. Student Assembly President Eileen Starret '07 said, "The syllabi will benefit students and faculty because this way they will be able to get an idea of the type of class for which they are signing up. It will also put an end to the shopping period for classes in between the start of term and the add period that benefits neither students nor professors. I have total confidence that the Dean of Faculty will be able to encourage professors to post their syllabi and I see no reason why professors should not be a part of this program."

"In my opinion there's no better way to select courses than by actually looking at sample syllabi," said Lombardi. "With syllabi, students can plan ahead in ways that they never could before, potentially accounting for the frequency of tests and papers in their classes in the coming semester as they choose their classes. Furthermore the syllabi will help students choose, in the event that more than one professor is teaching the same course, which section and teaching style will best suite their needs."

Though only just over 50 syllabi have been posted so far, this number is expected to continue to grow each day. "Though many faculty may not have sent in their syllabi yet, this is an idea that will come into its own," said Phelan.

Many agreed with this sentiment. Dean Urgo commented that "there are no faculty who do not want to give information about their course, but some faculty would prefer to talk with students in person then send in a syllabus." The general feeling among the students and faculty who worked to bring this project into being is that the short time frame they had to work in before the start of Spring '07 registration forced them to devote all their efforts to the establishment of a working and effective program and left them little time to familiarize faculty with the new context in which they would be able to share information about the courses they teach.

The sample syllabi are currently available on the Hamilton website course catalogue, appearing as links beneath course descriptions which, when clicked, will reveal links to syllabi for that course according to professor and semester. Students are reminded that these are still only sample syllabi and that unannounced changes may be made before the start of the next semester.

To view syllabi online, visit www.hamilton.edu/applications/catalogue/. Syllabi, when available, will be linked to the course description.

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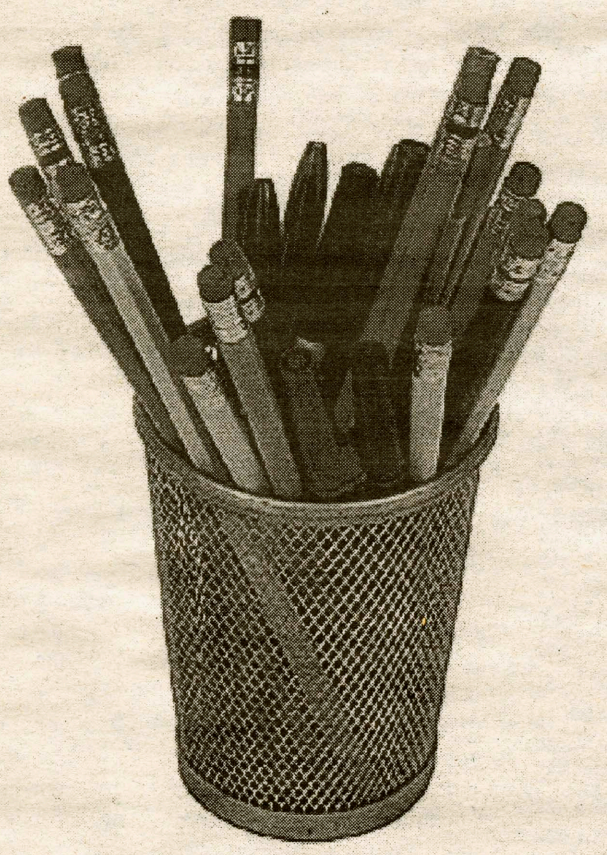

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Hamilton sports recruitment: an in-depth report

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players. Hamilton coaches will also talk with high school coaches and see who the best players are in the current year. Basketball Coach Tobin Anderson will "call up Princeton and ask who is not quite good enough for them but good enough for us."

"We have kids who are searching out Hamilton and so they will send out athletic resumes and say they are interested," Nizzi says. He will then send the player a letter thanking them for showing interest and asking for a game or a highlight tape. Nizzi will also contact references and opposing coaches to find out what kind of person and player they are. "There are also recruiting agencies that will put these kids on websites although there is not a lot of yield from that," says Kathryn Wilmont, head women's softball coach. She says that students from the high school class of 2010 are sending information now.

Amber O'Conner '09 is a softball recruit who used Elite Fastpich, Inc. to tape her playing the game and place a profile of O'Conner on the Internet. She paid $400 – $500 for 20 tapes and the service. Steve Allen is the CEO and Founder of Coachmeman Consulting, a consulting service for students wanting to pursue athletics in college. "I don't guarantee any kid into a school," he said over a phone interview. "I just show them a process in marketing themselves to these coaches. The Division Three programs do not have the budget to go to all of these schools."

James Taylor, the sports information director, tries to sell some Hamilton sports on its history. The Football Team, he says, "has been successful, but not lately. This team has had some very good years in its history…I wish I could remember…I think 1984." Hamilton does have a few people who went on to professional sports. Guy Hebert played for the Mighty Ducks and went to the World Championships in 1994 and the World Cup in 1996 with the American team. Jeff Hewitt also graduated from Hamilton and played for the Dallas Cowboys for one season. But most of all, Taylor sells Hamilton's education. "Hamilton is one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country and our athletics is held in very high regard. The NESCAC (The New England Small College Athletic Conference) is known as the Ivy League for small schools. We try to play up that part along with the history of varsity athletics."

Recruiting is a tedious process. Anderson says that in any given year, "out of 500 kids, 50 kids I will like, 25 are going Division One and 20 kids are not good enough students and three or four don't want to go to Hamilton." Nizzi explains that "even though there are a lot of kids who come on campus and say they are interested, are not necessarily recruited. My biggest problem is not trying to get them into the school, but convince them Hamilton is the place. Most of the kids we look at recurring wise, can get into Hamilton – the question is why Hamilton? A lot of recruits are not a matter of getting them in, but convincing them to come." He will even go over to admissions with a student who he really likes so they could go over his transcript and see what his potential would be if he applied.

Coach Wilmont sells her program and the school by selling herself. "I make myself available to kids. The recruits and parents have my cell and home phone. You have to be knowledgeable about the school, the admissions process and people will appreciate that." I make sure they know what the expectations are – academically and in sports. You never want to give them false pretenses. What you see is what you get." It worked for Megan Coughlin '09, a softball recruit, who tells Wilmont, "Meeting you and seeing that that you were the type of coach I wanted to play for" helped in the decision.

Once the player and coach shows mutual interest, he or she will likely come to campus to spend a night with his potential future players, all set up by the coach. The perspective will most likely attend classes the next day and be interviewed in admissions. This interview and a tour are the only aspects of this visit the perspective will have to set up themselves. The coach will usually meet with the player in the beginning of the visit, have lunch with the perspective and some of the current team members (who will possibly play a scrimmage with the student to break the ice) and finally meet with the recruit at the end to see how his or her stay was.

Sometime during the recruiting process, the coach will send to admissions a "pre-read." The pre-read is one page about the recruit with their academic information to see what the students' chance of being accepted is. "The bottom line is that they have to make the grade," says Coach Wilmont. "Parents think that if I want a kid bad enough to play softball it won't matter what their grades are. That is not true." Allen says, "a good coach will stress the academics. When you go to a Division Three school you are going because it offers strong academics."

Athletic Director Sue Viscomi believes that "our ultimate goal is for our student athletes to be representative of the overall student body and the goal for our coaches is to recruit academically qualified student athletes to Hamilton. There is a large misperception that coaches actually have the power to admit students."

Since Hamilton College is a Division Three school, academics come first. Coughlin says she "picked schools based on academics because you never know what could happen. I could break my leg." When recruiting, Coach Wilmont says that "Teams put together binders with all of the player's profiles. It is a good way to cut [people] out." If she sees a good softball player on the field, she will go the binder and see if that player can make the cut in regards to their grade point average and SAT scores.

"Your Future Identity"

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that make them more similar to each other than to other races.

"DNA identification furnishes a probable but unreliable way of tracking where your people come from," said Hacking. "On the other hand, there is a justified fear that all this DNA stuff will be put to racist purposes, including high-tech criminal profiling."

There has also been a move towards early screenings of fetuses for disease risks and possible disabilities. Hacking explained the extent to which early medical services were emphasized and the extent to which the screening prompted abortions, as well as how it was ignored.

Hacking also covered the area of preventive pharmacogenetics, or the ability to screen patients for negative side-effects to a drug by picking out genetic markers. The practice will become standard for new drugs entering the market.

Most genetic research uncovers risk factors for illnesses and with rare exceptions uncovers genetic certainties for these illnesses. Down's Syndrome, a condition caused by an extra chromosome 21, is almost certain to occur if a fetus lives because it is a programming malfunction in the genetic code.

"The medical research community is now fully convinced that most further correlations between genetic information and manifest illness or disability will be multifactorial," said Hacking. "Genetic markers will not be causes but risk factors."

Hacking mentioned the searches for gay and alcoholism genes. Researchers attempting to locate a gay gene hope that proof of its existence would disprove beliefs that homosexuality is a disease. Alcoholism gene researchers are looking for the exact opposite in their work.

Hacking believes that there is no single gene for a disease such as Alzheimers, but multiple areas in the genetic code that together create a risk factor for the disease. Biosocial groups out of those afflicted with diseases. Alzheimers sufferers and supporters form groups to further research for the disease.

New identities through biotechnology were the focus of the remainder of Hacking's lecture. He cited the increasing number of transgendered people as opposed to transsexuals. Transsexuals seek an irreversible transformation, something far riskier than the temporary change sought by transgendered people.

Hacking related an anecdote of a lecture he had recently given entitled "People and Cyborgs." to a group of mostly transgendered people. He found that the idea of not knowing the true identity of the people he was speaking to brought him out of his comfort zone.

"I realized how much I depend on who I am talking to," said Hacking. "They were not choosing a society or a biology: they were rejecting in every gesture the very concept of a biosocial identity."

First full Annex party in over 3 years

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required for every additional 50 students, in addition to the two hosts already required for the first 250. Also, a schedule must be submitted prior to the party of who is working the door and the bar of the party at all times. These students must also be TIPS trained.

Lee explained the rationale behind these new regulations to replace third party catering, saying that "…student organizations are much more adept at risk management than impersonal third party caterers. We are all peers and there is nothing we can't resolve with a quick conversation. As it is, that's how problems are resolved in regular Annex parties. It works very well and we intend to keep it that way."

He went on to explain how this strategy was effective at last Thursday's Psi Upsilon party in Bundy: "…they wisely shut the doors when the room exceeded its fire capacity of 400. Because the Annex has a vastly larger capacity than Bundy, TKE does not anticipate the same problems, although, of course, we will be keeping a close eye on the room's capacity."

However, should something go wrong at the party, or if it goes off without a hitch, according to Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli '96, the fraternity is "completely responsible for the event."

Lee stressed the significance of this responsibility, saying that "Many students are unaware of the amount of risk management that goes into student parties. Every student who signs a Social Host form accepts a great deal of legal responsibility for the conduct of the party. Moreover, every student organization can face consequences up to expulsion. Suffice to say, risk management is a big deal."

He urged students to bring their Little Pub IDs with them to help keep the party running smoothly and ensure that only Hamilton students over 21 are admitted.

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson stressed that the responsibility goes beyond the group hosting the event and to all those attending, "I want to stress that the students attending this event and others in the future have an obligation to their hosts to behave responsibly. It is up to both sponsors and guests to make this thing work."

Essentially, the continued future of eliminated third party catering is in the hands of the student body.

Magnarelli added that "if this event goes well and the next organization has the appropriate number of hosts and a sound event plan…I believe other organizations will host similar events."

According to Lee, this particular party will be a very "unique" event. This will be the first party able to accommodate a large portion of the student body since the institution of third party catering; most students on campus have not experienced such an event due to the fact that third party catering was instituted early on in the freshman year of those students who are now seniors.

Furthermore, TKE will have the entire Annex to decorate with their Hawaiian themed decorations, complete with two tiki bars and 600 leis, for which they received $650 from Student Activities. Some of the money also went to hire a DJ who will provide the soundtrack for the party. The fraternity also received $130 from the Dean of Students Office to fund their advertising for the event.

Said Lee, "The Annex will look very different than it usually does. This will be a very unique set-up for a very unique party."

The entire fraternity is very excited to be hosting this event, the first of its kind in so many years; said Lee, "This is our first chance in years to bring more people together, not fewer…Hamilton's greatness lies in its smallness. Everyone knows everyone at this school. Ideally, we're going to bring a third of the campus together. Come to this party…this is going to be a great time."

The Spectator

Staff Editorial

For the last two or three years Hamilton students have been complaining about the declining quality of the social life on campus. Once upon a time, they enjoyed full Annex parties, Bundy parties with hard alcohol and open parties for the whole campus. But with the adoption of third party catering rules, and even earlier, these social options became distant memories. Because it is too expensive to pay a third party caterer, societies could no longer afford to hold all-campus parties. As a result, the choices for activities on Friday and Saturday nights declined in quality and quantity.

Finally, we are given a chance to again experience these parties that have become myths on campus. For seniors, it will bring back bittersweet memories of a happier time. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will get to experience what the seniors have been talking about all this time. On Saturday night, TKE will host the first full annex, all campus party in three years. The administration has agreed to again allow non-third party catering parties on a trial basis; key words: trial basis. The Spectator hopes that everyone enjoys this chance to experience an all campus party. We just have one request: Do not mess this up!

One wrong move and we will be back where we started. The reasons for instituting third party catering in the first place were based on the recklessness of drunk Hamilton students; particularly, drunk, underage Hamilton students. So try to remember on Saturday: no fighting, no vandalism, no throwing trash cans out of third story windows, and hey, let's even go out on a limb and try for no transports to the hospital. We need to prove that we can handle this privilege; and, as much we may not want to admit it, this is a privilege, not a right. The majority of students are not 21 and they can cart you all off to jail for drinking if they want to.

We have no doubt that the Hawaiian party will be a great time. So come out with your grass skirts and lei's on and party like its 1999 (or, in our case, 2003 at the last full annex party!) Just be responsible, and let's keep this tradition alive!

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Zaffis describes experiences as a ghost hunter

*from **Zaffis**, page 2*

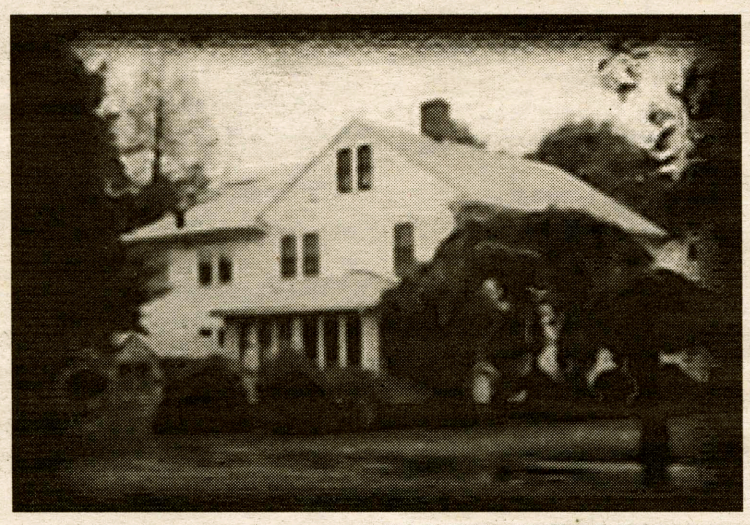
Still, women are much more likely than men to experience and report hauntings.

Zaffis then showed photographs from supposedly haunted locations he had studied. Several pictures had white spots or "orbs" in the picture. A lot of the time, Zaffis said, this is simply due to dust on the camera lens. But there are subtle differences, such as a distinct outline, that can indicate a spirit in some of these photos. However, "Ninety-nine percent of the time, [these are not] legitimate psychic photographs." Other photographs had a misty image that Zaffis said were spirits. The darker the mist appears, the more hostile the spirit.

Why are people so interested in the paranormal? According to Zaffis, it is because we want to understand "what happens to our spirit, or our soul, after it leaves our body."

Zaffis talked about many experiences he has had with hauntings over the course of his career. One high profile case resulted in Discovery Channel documentary titled "A Haunting in Connecticut." A family rented a house in Connecticut that used to be a funeral home and still had embalming equipment in the basement. The oldest son, who was being treated for cancer at a nearby hospital, began to experience hauntings in the house, and became withdrawn from the family. After he had attacked his female cousin, his parents had him commited to a mental hospital. Soon after, the whole family began experiencing violent hauntings and was tormented by spirits. Zaffis himself, in his investiagtion, had a terrifying experience that led him to leave the house and never return. Eventually, an exorcism was performed on the house and the family moved out.

At the end of his presentation Zaffis played an audio recording from the actual exorcism that inspired the movie "The Exorcism of Emily Rose." He said it "gave him chills" because it sounded exactly like the scene from the movie. Following his lecture, Zaffis led a "ghost" tour to the cemetary and around campus.



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The home where the events leading to the documentary "A Haunting in Connecticut" occured.

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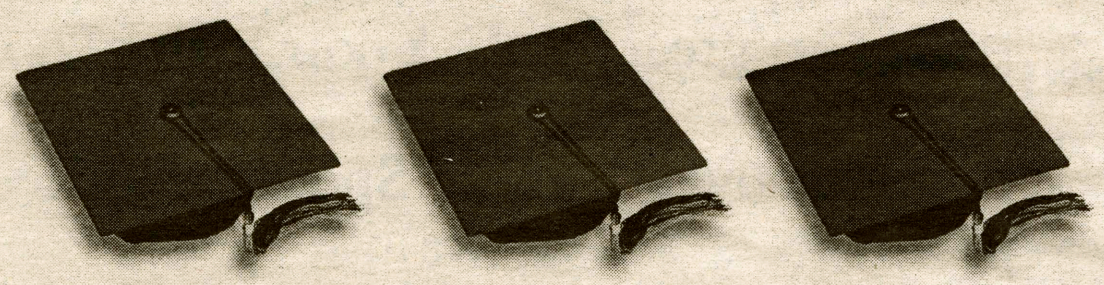

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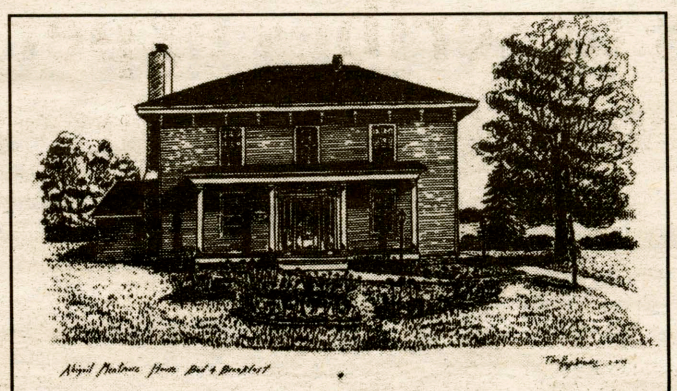

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No. 11 - Branded (band)

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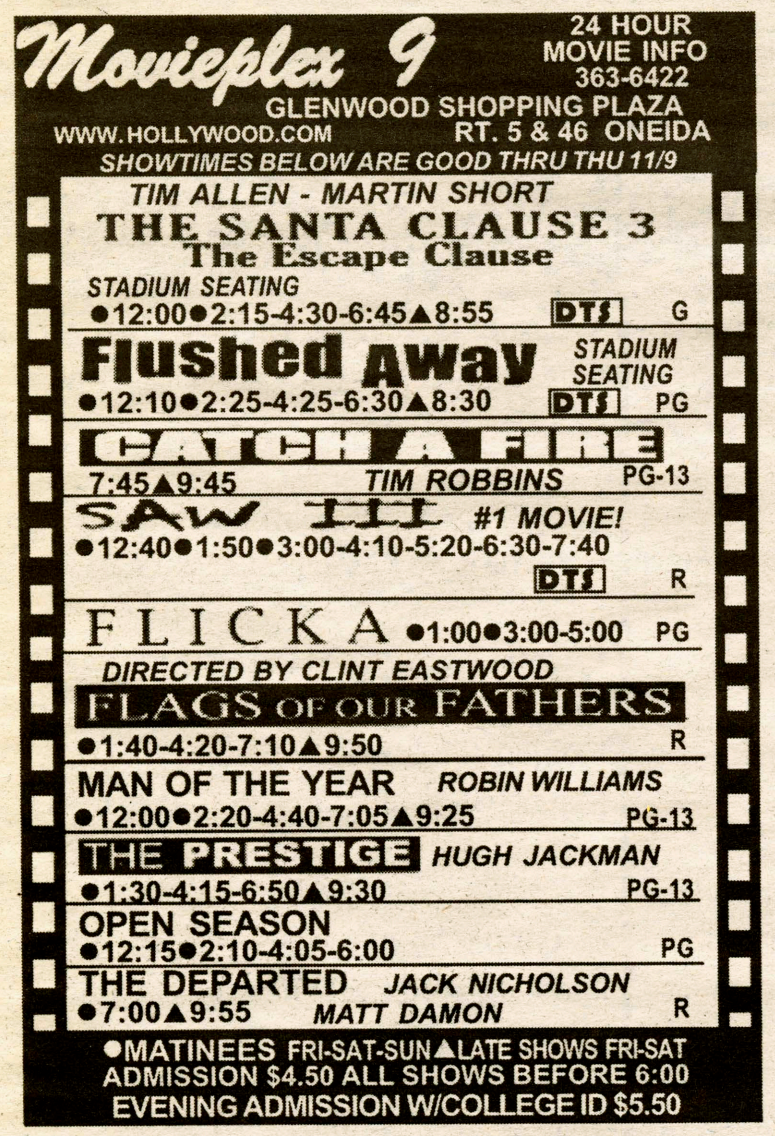

Insights & Ideas

WHCL interview with CNN's Lou Dobbs

by Eric Kuhn '09
Insights & Ideas Editor

I spoke with Lou Dobbs, anchor and managing editor of CNN's Lou Dobbs Tonight and author of The War on the Middle Class on Monday. Here is part of our conversation:

Kuhn: Lynne Cheney told Wolf Blitzer on "The Situation Room" last Friday that CNN's "Broken Government" special is "straight out of Democratic talking points…We've been through 9/11, we've been through Katrina. We're in a country where the economy's healthy. What this government has done is effective." What is your reaction to this?

Dobbs: As I told Wolf later that evening, I said, "That is simply power bridling at truth." The truth is that Lynne Cheney is an ideologue and a partisan, and understandably so, and I'm not. Our government, by any definition, is not functioning as our government was intended. For her to cite Katrina and the government's response, to sight any of those examples, to me, is breathtaking because those are examples of the government not working how it should.

You told the *New York Times* on February 15, 2006 that "There's nothing fair and balanced about me, because there is nothing fair and balanced about the truth. 'He says, she says' journalism is a monstrous cop-out." What do you mean by that?

I mean the tendency, particularly in television news, to put up two sound bites from a Republican and Democrat and say that we have done our job – "Fair and Balanced" – really adds nothing to the public knowledge. It's our responsibilities as journalists to get to an independent, nonpartisan reality. And that's what I try to do each evening on my broadcast. That's what I tried to do in my new book. I don't take either republicans or democrats seriously because they don't take working men and women very seriously, or their families. They are really leading the assault on our middle class.

We do hear that the Dow Jones is breaking record after record. Do you believe our economy today is strong and booming?

I think parts of it certainly are, and for certain people, remarkably strong. Unfortunately for the vast numbers of Americans, particularly the middle class, this economy is not booming. We have health care rising in double digits each year. Health care insurance is being shunned by an increasing number of employers. Wages are stagnant. Tuition costs – I am talking about state universities in this country – in some states, is rising 30 to 40 percent each year. That's unconscionable. To ask working men and women and their families to contend with this is insane, because both political parties have put our working middle class into competition with the cheapest labor in the world. It is utterly unfair.

On the 26th the President signed into law a bill, kick starting construction of a 700-mile fence, and claimed it was "an important step toward immigration reform." If the Democrats win the House and/or Senate, how do you believe the immigration debate in Washington will change?

Obviously both political parties support illegal immigration, because, as I said, they are in lock stock and barrel by corporate America. The only difference is the House. The Republicans there have put border security - imagine this five years after September 11th – as a priority. Without the Republicans in the House we would have wide open borders and amnesty for illegal immigration. That said, both political parties have embraced corporate America's desire for cheap labor to compete with the lowest wage earners in this country. That is just simply disastrous. When I look to this election on November 7th, despite everything that you are hearing, in my opinion I think those elections will be decided on issues important within those congressional district, because both parties have supported the war in Iraq. Neither party has come up with an intelligent, rational, effective strategy to extricate us or secure victory in a reasonable time. Those are the realities. That offends the partisans. That offends those who are ideologues on either end of the spectrum. But it's the reality.

You mentioned it took almost five years to talk about border security. What is going on in Washington? What has taken so long?
We have a government that is no longer serving the interest of the middle class (all but the very rich and all but the very poor) in this America. There are 250 – 280 million Americans, whose attention – when it can be held – is diverted by wedge issues like gun control, stem cell research, "under God" and the Pledge of Allegiance, gay marriage…my God, the list goes on! These are all issues about which the Congress or the President will never do anything and in most cases has no power to do so. But, they do have the power to correct a failing educational system, to install border security, and be effective about it, to inspect cargo in our ports, to raise the minimum wage and to look to the interest of the people who make this country work. That is the middle class.

Bill O'Reilly said on David Letterman last week, "Americans are depressed. People don't want to watch the news. They don't want to hear about the nutty North Korean guy." I read your books and articles and by the time I finish I find myself searching for the Xanax. Where is the hope in all of this?

One thing this over medicated nation does not need is anymore Xanax or others drugs running around. This country has to learn to deal with the issues as they're confronted. If Americans are depressed…then god bless the poor darlings. The fact is, if we are not strong enough to deal with these issues, the fate of the nation is sealed. I have no sympathy for those who lack either the character or courage to put the interest of this nation first, the common good first and begin to deal with issues. We have lost an entire generation because of our failing schools. Half of Hispanic students in this country [are] dropping out of high school. Half of our Black students [are] dropping out of high school. A third of our white students. Our public schools are the great equalizer. My God, if I hear anybody's depressed, pity them. But let me tell you. A household in this country that is fortunate enough to have two parents, the likelihood both are working and busting their chops to provide for their families and make ends meet. Those are the folks we have to care about and we have to get this country and this economy straightened out so the people who are making it work are actually rewarded. Corporate America has never had a larger share of our national income. Our working people have never had a smaller share, certainly not since World War II. We've got to fix that and we have to do it now.

I am a sophomore in college. When I graduate, what world should I expect to enter?

You are going to enter a world, in all likelihood, will. be a fiercely competitive one. You are entering a world that will have been shaped by corporate America, political and academic elites and business elites who really care very little about you, rather than a unit of labor or a tax payer. You are going to have to assert, again, a fundamental value that you are going to be first and foremost a citizen and that you and everyone around you, you will insist, I hope, regard this as a nation first and a market place or an economy somewhere down the line, but certainly not primarily. First you are a citizen. First this is a nation. Our political system is what makes this great economy possible. It is not our economy that makes our political system and this great democracy possible.

Thumbs up

- Women's Soccer: "Oh, you're nationally ranked? Oh, okay, cool…don't mind us while we mushroom stamp you, 3-1, Oneonta."
- This political race just might be more serial than Man-Bear-Pig.
- Men and Women's Rugby are state champions. It's sort of like football…but with the winning.
- Thankfully the full Annex can actually fit all the people who want to get lei-ed.
- Heaven and Hell: The only thing missing was the Ferrari cake from Satan's Super Sweet Sixteen Halloween Party.

Thumbs down

- Two crazy deer run through Root Dormitory breaking random loser artifacts… Man, even the wildlife pushes sub-free kids around.
- Clinton's registered sex offender infiltrates Trust Treat and encourages children to "Taste The Painflow."
- Registering for classes. Let's pick 4 new ways to ruin my life.
- The German Club reserves a table alone in Commons. Should we be afraid that you need your own special segregated table so we can't hear your secret plans?
- Tom Cruise marathon on the movie channel. He hasn't gone this crazy since… oh, wait.

Who cares

- Drop Beats/Not Bombs: The only bigger faux pas than senseless war is senseless tie-dye.
- Sliding smooth gold between your legs is the best way to get to class FAST.
- John Kerry on Marines recruiting on campus: "I'm sorry. I think you might be looking for people without a future."… Maybe we would think you were cool if you actually won an election.
- Ghost Hunter John Zaffis visits under the pretense of hunting Hamilton's ghosts when, in actuality, he was hired to exorcise the demon from Joan Hinde Stewart's soul cavity.

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Tyler Zink '07

FINAL ROUND!
DECISION 2006 POLL NUMBERS:

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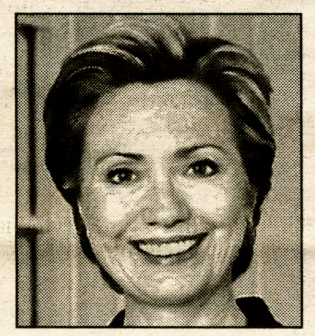
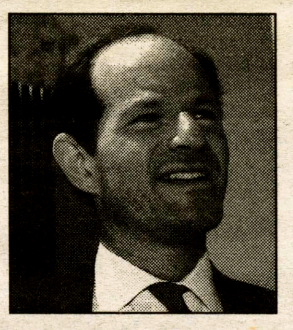
Senate
John Spencer (R): 30
Hillary Clinton* (D): 65



OCTOBER 19, 2006 - QUINNIPIAC POLL OF LIKELY VOTERS

Governor
John Faso (R): 22
Eliot Spitzer (D): 71



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Attorney General
Jeanine Pirro (R): 34
Andrew Cuomo (D): 55

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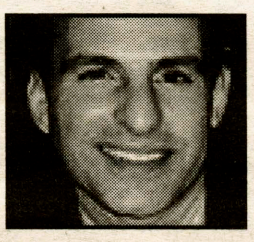
[B]CONGRESSIONAL RACES:

NY - 24 District
(including Clinton)
Ray Meier (R): 43
Michael Arcuri (D): 52



NY - 26 District
Tom Reynolds* (R): 39
Jack Davis (D): 56

NY - 3 District
Peter King* (R): 51
Dave Mejias (D): 44

[B]CONGRESSIONAL RACES:

CT - 4
Christopher Shays* (R): 52
Diane Farrell (D): 43

IL - 6
Peter Roskam (R): 47
Tammy Duckworth (D): 48

FL - 16
Mark Foley* (R): 43
Tim Mahoney (D): 50

NOTE: Foley has resigned but his name will be on the ballot. Votes will count for the new Republican nominee, Joe Negron.

VA - 10
Frank Wolf* (R): 47
Judy Feder (D): 42

CA - 4
John Doolittle* (R): 49
Charles Brown (D): 46

NJ - 7
Mike Ferguson* (R): 46
Linda Stender (D): 43

[A]Gubernatorial Races:

California
Arnold Schwarzenegger* (R): 51
Phil Angelides (D): 36
Undecided: 10.2

Illinois
Judy Baar Topinka (R): 36
Rod Blagojevich* (D): 45
Undecided: 8.7

Massachusetts
Kerry Healey (R): 28
Deval Patrick (D): 54
Mihos (I): 9

Iowa
Jim Nussle (R): 43
Chet Culver (D): 48
Undecided: 6.3

Pennsylvania
Lynn Swann (R): 35
Ed Rendell (D): 57
Undecided: 7

Letters to the editor

To Editor:

Today I write about the Family Weekend event titled, "Faculty and Family Reception." It is a wonderful concept and its description reads, "Meet the professors you have heard so much about." The only problem is that many of the professors that we have heard so much about were not there. Nor are they ever there. Year and after year we are met with disappointment.

No students should ever attend this event and only see one or two of their professors. Yet, as it stands right now, students are lucky if one of their professors is there. I find this lack of attendance not only disappointing, but embarrassing and grossly unacceptable.

Unquestionably, the faculty plays a crucial rule in the college and makes up a substantial part of this community. They have a duty to the college and this community (especially the student body). They are expected to participate in community events. If my parents, who pay tuition, can drive seven hours to visit me in the rain with typhoon winds, surely professors, who get paid to be here, live close by, and have an obligation to the Hamilton community, can be there.

At Saturday morning breakfast families ate along side members of the Division of Student Life who, as always, were out in full force. While I am delighted they were present, it seems odd that families could meet the College Chaplain but were unable to meet the professors they "hear so much about."

I can imagine no reasonable or plausible argument on why anyone should not expect professors to come to this event. Professors should be there because it is their duty to do so. While this may not be written in their contracts or required by department chairs, I, a student, like many others, expect them to be there. I expect them to do more than research and teaching. I expect them to be involved in this community.

Certainly, this event was not barren. Some professors did go and I imagine that these are the professors that always go. They are probably the ones who always attend campus events and always volunteer their time to students. For them, my critique need not apply.

The question inevitably becomes, how many professors should be present? Rather than pick a number, I simply argue that all of them should be there. We need not get into the nitty gritty of determining what constitutes an excused absence because the main point is that more people should be there than currently are. This Family Weekend reception has been a tradition of disappointment.

Even worse, this is not a unique situation. We see many professors missing from campus-wide ceremonies such as Convocation and the Class and Charter Day ceremony. I would optimistically hope such disappoint does not extend to such monumental occasions as Commencement.

I find this behavior grossly unacceptable. I do not argue in support of adding lines to contracts or taking attendance because such adjustments should not be necessary. What needs to happen is a change in attitude and a realization of expectations.

Passionately,
Michael A. Blasie

To Editor:

The HAVOC executive board would like to extend our greatest thanks and appreciation to the senior class for choosing the Volunteer Fund as the 2007 Senior Class gift. The financial burdens of the services we provide has, for years, been the largest obstacle HAVOC faces. Student Assembly has limited funds and therefore has only been able to meet about half of the budget HAVOC requests at the beginning of each semester. We look forward to having the ability to plan events with less emphasis on the expenses and eliminating the need to cancel events because of insufficient funds. This Volunteer Fund will allow HAVOC to increase the services we can bring to Utica and other surrounding areas as well as improve awareness among the Hamilton community. Thank you, again, for all your support and we encourage everyone to get involved with HAVOC and take advantage of the great opportunities we will now be able to provide because of this fund.

Sincerely,
HAVOC Executive Board

Dear Class of 2007,

It has come to my attention that some of you believe that the Senior Gift committee "concocted" the results of the senior gift vote. I'm writing to assure you that we did not. If you have any questions please contact Rob Rosenzweig '07 (rrosenzw) or me (estarret).

Best,
Eileen Starrett '07
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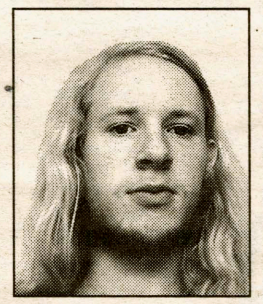
What comes after a Democratic victory?



by Kye Lippold '10
Insights & Ideas

By the time the next issue of *The Spectator* comes out, the midterm 2006 elections should be decided. Democrats are favored to take control of the House of Representatives and possibly the Senate as well. So what can we expect from a potentially new Congress?

One of the most discussed changes centers around policy for the Iraq war. Numerous polls have suggested that voters prefer Democratic positions on the war over Republican ones. What is the Democrats' position? That's relatively unclear.

The likely new Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, has called for troop withdrawals completed by the end of 2007. A majority of Senate Democrats want more immediate withdrawal to force the Iraqi government to improve its security. A few congressional Democrats have suggested cutting funding for the war to force an end. Others suggest dividing Iraq into separate regions. It is anyone's guess as to which plan will prevail.

Ironically, President George W. Bush may be forced to compromise on Iraq whether or not Democrats win. The bipartisan Iraq Study Group will be releasing an important set of recommendations on the conflict after the elections, and major papers have hinted that this group could recommend withdrawal (though not necessarily with a timeline) or a switch to focusing on stability over democracy (read: impose martial law).

Overall, Republicans have been moderating their positions on the war in light of public disapproval, some advocating mutual withdrawal agreements or timelines to improve Iraqi stability. Although much of this is probably posturing for the election, it seems that the war has reached a turning point. Currently, the war is characterized by high death tolls and Iraqi government calls for more Iraqi control, and President Bush seems willing to consider alternatives to the present policy.

Besides the issue of the war, Democrats are expected to take action on the minimum wage. Such a measure should prove popular, as suggested by the recent *Washington Post* report that ballot initiatives to raise minimum wages may increase Democratic turnout in six key states. Raising the minimum wage is a key item on Pelosi's Democratic agenda; according to the Associated Press, she has promised to set a $7.25 minimum wage within 100 hours of a Democratic win.

Other items presented through Pelosi's "New Direction for America" program include negotiating for lower prescription drug costs for seniors (which the Bush administration is expected to resist), implementing the 9/11 commission recommendations (a pledge probably enacted to avoid seeming soft on terror), funding stem cell research over President Bush's veto, creating energy independence, and making college tuition tax-deductible.

This set of Democratic goals has not been widely broadcast; a LexisNexis search of major papers for "new direction for america" and "pelosi" found only seven articles covering the platform from June to the present day, which probably contributes to the sense that Democrats are uncertain about their direction. While Pelosi's agenda may represent a good deal of rhetoric, she would have power as Speaker of the House to push such issues, and many of her programs should enjoy Democratic support.

Further complicating speculation, many Democrats running in conservative areas are more moderate than the rest of the Democratic party, as reported by the *New York Times*. Some oppose gun control and abortion, others want a balanced budget. Interestingly, Pelosi's platform makes no mention of such social issues, which probably reflects a Democratic desire to appeal more to moderates and conservatives-a move that has paid off in this election, if the Democratic favor among independents nationwide is any sign. It is possible that Democrats will be split on some issues, making immediate Democratic change on social policies unlikely.

One area where Democratic rule will create a major change involves oversight of President Bush's performance. Democrats have suggested that they will investigate matters such as the wiretapping scandals, Jack Abramoff, and war profiteering claims. They may also call for hearings questioning the intelligence leading to the war in Iraq (according to the Associated Press and the *Washington Post*). Republican majorities have tended to rubber-stamp Bush's actions, so this division will have profound impact.

A majority of Americans want Democrats to investigate government contracts and the war intelligence, according to a October 20 *Newsweek* poll; however, only 28 percent of Americans make impeachment of Bush a "top priority," and there seem to have been few calls of taking that drastic step in the short term.

The President's reaction to a Democratic victory will be interesting. It could force him to turn to more bipartisan issues, such as extending guest-worker programs and the No Child Left Behind act (according to the *Washington Post*). Bush is likely to cooperate rather than lose any chance of making policy changes in the year before the 2008 election overtakes his significance; however, because Bush does not acknowledge the idea that Democrats could win, predicting his behavior can only be based on speculation.

Ultimately, a Democratic victory would have important influence on the minimum wage and the war in Iraq (although the exact course Democrats will follow cannot be known). In the longer term, it could mean subpoenas scrutinizing President Bush and legislation dealing with health care, energy policy, terrorism and college expenses.

If the Republicans retain control, there will probably be less change, but with the upcoming recommendations from the Iraq Study Group, Iraq policy could still fluctuate. It should be an interesting two years.

Letters to the editor policy

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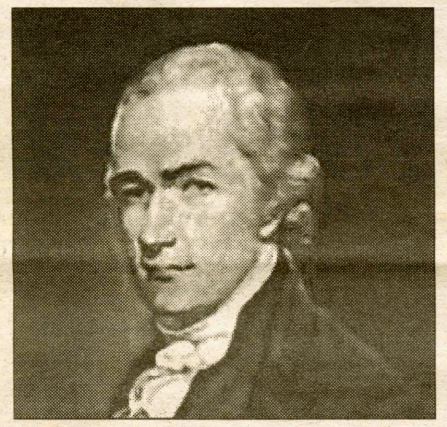
Academic scholarship should trump politics

by Niels Lesniewski '07
Insights & Ideas Contributor

Last week, I read about the controversy surrounding the Alexander Hamilton Center charter in this very newspaper. In the aftermath, I would like us all to take a moment to reflect on where this college on a hill has been over the past couple of years. Because, like it or not, the past informs the present. We need to look at our skeletons in the closet.

I certainly believe that many of the members of the faculty who supported the recent 77 to 17 vote "expressing concern over the governance structure" of this new organization had legitimate concerns in their own minds about that issue. However, we cannot completely discount the theory advanced by Christian A. Johnson "Excellence in Teaching" Associate Professor of English Nathaniel Strout that said, at least for some people, "this is personalities versus principle."



I have no crystal ball, nor am I a psychic, but I have not been fooled. To some extent, personality affects everything in life. With less faculty oversight on the Board of Overseers, it is more likely that Board could be packed with outside political hacks disguised as scholars, say twenty-five years down the road.

Many both on the political right and in the center accused the now defunct Kirkland Project, dedicated to the values of "social justice," of tending to bring speakers to campus that by most accounts leaned to the left. I think I make a reasonable conjecture in saying that some of the early criticism of the Alexander Hamilton Center stems from the suspicion that the organization will have an ideological bias toward the conservative.

I state that out front because we have established a precedent on this campus: scholarly organizations that lean in partisan directions do not merit college money. We want honest debate on all sides of the crucial political issues of the day. Usually, the truth rests somewhere in between the poles and the promoting of John Stuart Mill's "marketplace of ideas" takes us closer to that truth.

Two models could accomplish that mission. In one, two partisan organizations with codified ideologies could get together at the beginning of the year and decide on topics which to have dueling speakers, splitting the pot of money fifty-fifty each year. In the one this College has chosen to advance, no scholarly organizations are built on partisan principles and so they all need to provide balance in their speaker invitations and grant distributions. In other words, the group that studies social justice should bring in a speaker promoting welfare reform as a necessary inducement to knock lazy people off the rolls and the group that studies freedom and democracy needs to bring in a speaker explaining how making English the official language would serves to disenfranchise a significant piece of the voting public.

In the words of three professors a couple of years ago, "Campus programming paid for by Hamilton should serve the College's academic mission with intellectual integrity, coherence, diversity, and balance and promote reasoned and principled discourse among members of our community who have different and often conflicting ideas about important issues" (Eismeier, Klinkner, and Urciuoli, January 21, 2005).

I trust that the administration and the faculty will not allow the Alexander Hamilton Center to drift to the right bank or the Diversity and Social Justice Project to drift to the left bank.

I am a senior this year; by the time we know if this College is really capable of intellectual honesty regardless of the flow of alumni donations or the opinions of talking heads on national television, I will be an alumnus myself.

I certainly hope the powers answer these still lingering questions about "academic freedom" sooner rather than later. Otherwise, I'll take my charitable donations someplace else. I figure in that, I would not find myself alone.

Hamilton Republicans present
Jonah Goldberg
Editor-at-Large,
National Review Online

"The Case for Conservatism"
Tuesday, November 14
7:30 p.m.
Fillius Events Barn
Sponsored by Student Assembly, Speaker Fund, and Young America's Foundation

Family Weekend

A Senior Column: fleeting perspective

by Matt Bradley '07
Insights & Ideas Writer

Family Weekend makes for an interesting few days on the Hill. Volvos and SUV's litter the campus, filled with parents eager to see what Hamilton College has to offer; and not to mention, see their son or daughter. For $42,000 a year, parents expect their Hamilton visits to be as luxurious as their seasonal Hamptons vacations, including mints on the pillows, heated swimming pools, and five dollar commons meals.

There is much preparation that goes into the planning of Family Weekend, both on the part of the College and the students. The administration breaks out its big guns for the weekend, scheduling events like the terribly interesting "State of the College Address" with President Stewart, several Career Center-related events to let the parents know how far behind their son or daughter is in working out a post-college career, and of course, a performance by the Buffers (and whatever those other a cappella groups are). Also, if the administration treats Family Weekend anything like Prospective Students Weekend, I know there are members of the admissions team that walk the tour route early each morning to pick up empty Keystone cans (this is sad but true); nothing but the best for our visitors.

Students must also prepare for Family Weekend. Rooms must be cleaned, beer must be hidden, and any instruments, pictures, or DVD's (Girls Gone Wild) that parents look unfavorably upon must be buried. Also, it is important for students to appear as poor as possible during Family Weekend in order to solicit large amounts of cash and other valuable goods (including bulk food, Hamilton clothing from the bookstore, and maybe even a free haircut).

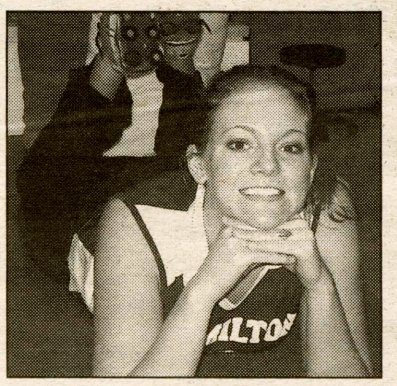
There is one instance, however, in which student preparation does not apply: the Family Weekend orphan. Being an orphan myself, I can speak freely about the advantageousness of being a Family Weekend orphan. While my parents do (supposedly) love me, I've given them the impression that no parents come to visit during this annual event. While they would be more than happy to visit if I asked, I've learned to spare myself the hardship that comes with having one's parents on campus for an entire weekend. This past Family Weekend is a perfect example of the chaos that can ensue during the event. While my roommates were figuring out what to do with their families during the torrential downpour, I reaped the rewards without the toil.

While there were countless opportunities for family bonding on Saturday; including sports events, speakers and movies; the rain definitely put a damper on the day. I did notice that a lot of parents visited the indoor climbing wall. I had the opportunity to make hours of meaningless small-talk with parents eager to watch their children scale the 40-foot monster.

Small-talk is perhaps the most important skill of Family Weekend, especially for orphans. I had the luxury of going out to dinner on both Friday and Saturday nights, each night with a different family. Some may say there's shame in taking a pity invitation to dinner; I will deny that claim to the death. Cheers to Mr. Donlon and the Griswolds for delicious dinners at the Outback and 99 Restaurants respectively. I will disclose my secret to making brilliant small talk with even the most intimidating of parents: before every Family Weekend, I make six or seven 3x5 cards to carry with me at all times.

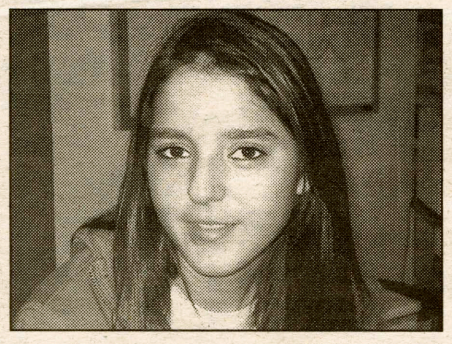
First, I do a lot of internet research, finding the most important topical issues at the time. Global warming and alternative energy are always mom-killers. Checking out the stats on the sports teams from the father's respective state is sure to win points. The 3x5 cards have been trial and error, however. For instance, I've learned the hard way to stay away from topics like abortion, stem-cell research, gun laws, and the upcoming elections; some parents just don't like edgy debates.

For all you orphans out there, I hope you understand how valuable it is to be an orphan during Family Weekend. Once you master the art of small talk, the possibilities are endless. There is no entertaining to be done, except for a couple of jokes during your dinner at the posh Central New York restaurants like Red Lobster. So next year, see if you can hop on the orphan train; it's like having a family without the hassle. Cheers.



"We killed my goldfish on accident... mwahah, then we went out to dinner."

~Chelsea Halvorson '08

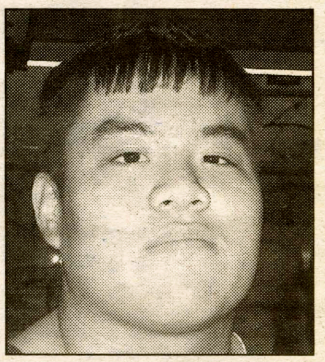


"My parents did not come... sniff, sniff."

~Robin Brown '09

"My mum went to the lecture by Professor Ambrose on the new Alexander Hamilton book."

~John Griffin '08



"They came to watch my football game in extremely harsh weather. They also saw my Hamilton lifestyle since orientation week."

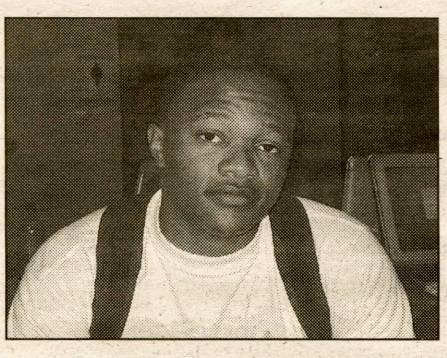
~Harry Jung '10

Hamilton Unscripted

This week's question:

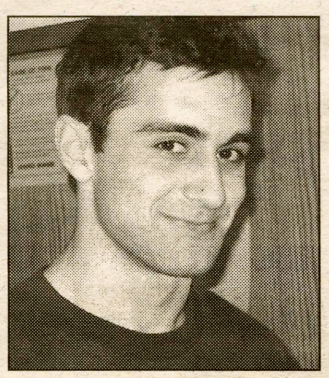
What did you do with your parents during family weekend?

by Nonny Chizea '08



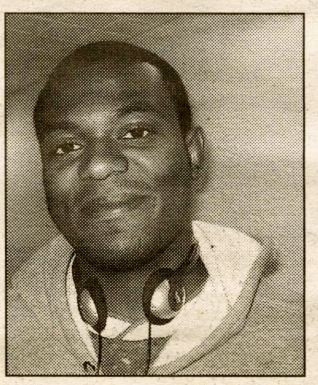
"I spoke to them on the phone about picking a future wife."

~Luvuyo Mandela '09



"I went to dinner and saw a movie with my family."

~Jeff Harris '10



"It takes my parents the whole weekend to fly here from Africa"

~Ngoda Manongi '08

"We ran out of things to do after the first day."

~Elizabeth Kelly '07

by Matthew Kotlove '09
Staff Cartoonist

Features

Annual Trust Treat program sweetens the night for local children on Halloween

by Ashley Stagner '09
Features Writer

There is nothing in this world as fun as assaulting strangers for candy in a scary costume on Halloween night. Wait, I retract that statement—there is nothing in this world as fun as taking local children and children from the Utica area to assault Hamilton students for candy in a scary costume. What am I talking about? Trust Treat.

Trust Treat is organized by the Newman Council and was started by the Class of 1992, in memory of Eric Trust, a member of the class of '92, who died unexpectedly on Halloween day during his first year at Hamilton. Since 1992, Trust Treat has been a proud Hamilton tradition. Father Croghan, the Newman Chaplin, says, "It was the desire of some of Eric's classmates not to spend Halloween remembering his death, but celebrating his life by doing something nice for kids."

The goal of the event is to give children from the Utica area a safe and fun evening of trick-or-treating. Trust Treat is also open to the children of Hamilton faculty, staff, administration, and maintenance and operation employees. Student Assembly helps to fund the event.

Over one hundred children came this year, including the children of faculty and staff members. The children come from several organizations in Utica, the majority of which come from the Thea Brown Center. The leader of the Thea Brown Center has informed the organizers of Trust Treat that as long as Hamilton coordinates Trust Treat, the children from her center will be attending.

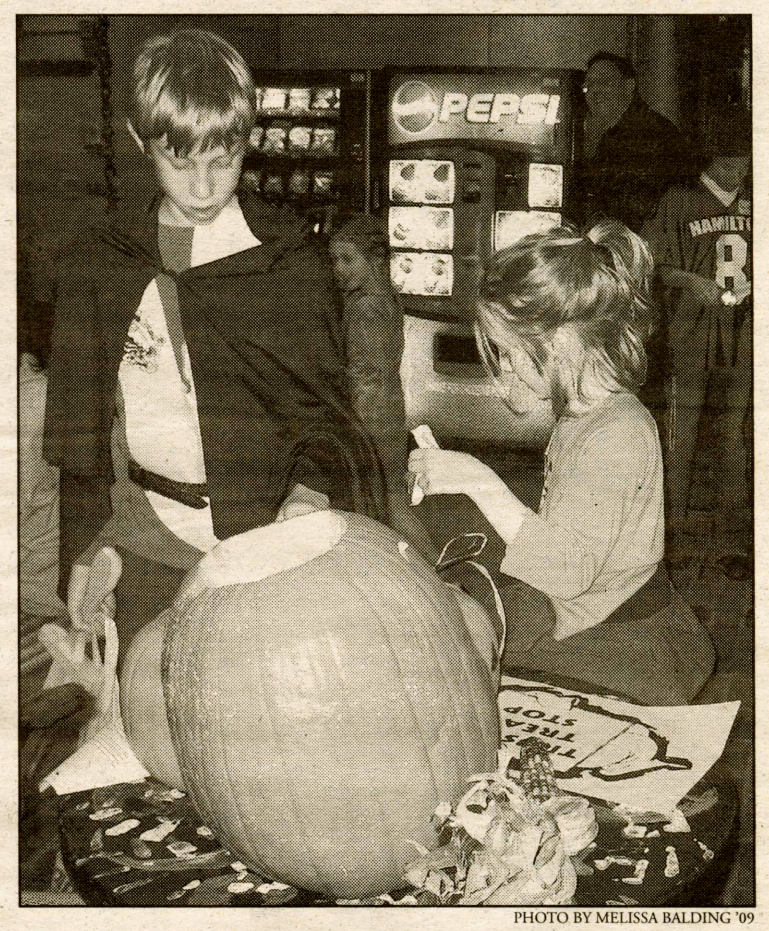
Many of the children have been participating in Trust Treat for years, and it is something that they look forward to. Other children have heard about it from their siblings or friends, and cannot wait to see the chemistry experiments and haunted houses for themselves.

Students were given the opportunity to sign up to be a guide for Trust Treat, or to decorate and hand out candy in their residence hall, with a private society, or with other campus organizations. This year there was a total of 200 volunteers.

The guides were given maps and lists that detailed the routes for trick-or-treating. This year there were 26 stops in which 21 were candy stops and the others were haunted houses. Because of the age range for children, 13 months to 15 years old, guides were advised to use caution and decide whether the stops might be too scary for the children. One of the scariest haunted houses this year was the Wertimer House. There were also haunted houses on the first floor of Dunham, in ELS, the first floor of Macintosh, the lounge in Major, the Glen House, the Farm House, and in Wolcott. One of the most exciting stops of the night was the Chemistry room in the Science Center. Before entering the room, the children were told to put on goggles and that there would be four displays to see. The first show was the effects of nitrogen on flowers, how the flowers would freeze and become brittle; the second was the illusion of a one dollar bill burning; the third of lighting bubbles on fire; and the fourth of creating "fireworks" inside the room.

Sara Carhart '07, one of the head organizers of Trust Treat, became involved in her freshman year, and has continued ever since. She says, "It has always been so much fun to see how excited the children are to be dressed up and on campus. I think it is great that we have the opportunity to make Hamilton special for these kids… They know they can feel safe on the Hill, which may not be true in their own neighborhood. It's also wonderful to see how involved the whole campus gets—we wouldn't be able to do it without them!"

I volunteered to be a guide for Trust Treat this year, and I am so glad that I did. It was a wonderful experience to see the children so excited to be trick-or-treating. All of the Hamilton students at the stops were equally excited to see the children in their costumes while handing out candy. Overall, it was a great night for everyone, and I am so happy that this event will continue in the future to bring happiness to the children in the Utica area.



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Children help themselves to candy during Trust Treat.

PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

Jack-O'Lanterns and candy marked Trust Treat stops this tuesday as Utica children trick-or-treated in safety atop the Hill.

What's Up This Week at Hamilton

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Peace Week	Peace Week	Peace Week	Peace Week	Peace Week
Daily Prayer- 12:00 PM - Chapel Lounge	Newman Mass- 12:00 PM - Chapel	Lecture: Perspectives on the Death Penalty 4:00 PM - KJ Aud	Newman Mass- 12:00 PM - Chapel	Registration Period for Spring 2007 Classes
President Stewart's Open Hour- 1:30 PM - Cafe Opus	Film Screening: "Earth: 1947" 7:00 PM - SC G027	Meditation Group- 7:00 PM - Chapel Lounge	Lecture: "Cold War in a Cold Place: The American Mount Everest Expedition of 1963." 4:10 PM - KJ Red Pit	Juggling Club Meeting- 4:00 PM - Science Center Lawn Atrium
Physics Lecture- 4:00 PM - SC G041		Prayer Meeting- 9:00 PM - Chapel Lounge	Asian Culture Society General Meeting- 5:30 PM - ELS	

Hamilton Fashion: A look at *Louel Fashion*, Clinton's new fashion boutique

by Nonny Chizea '08
Features Fashion Columnist

PHOTO BY NONNY CHIZEA '08

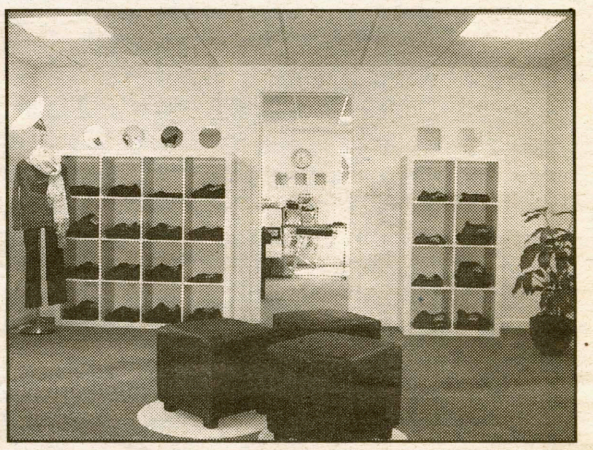
Lauren Fowler in front of her store, *Louel Fashion.*

Friday October 27 was the Grand Opening of Louel Clothing, which is owned and managed by New Hartford native, Lauren Fowler. I decided to make a trip down to the store to see what goodies Lauren has for us girls. While I was there I spoke with Lauren and she even allowed me to put together four hot looks for this fall and winter (two of which are shown below).

Fowler lived in New Hartford, but studied Fashion, Fashion Journalism and Interior Design at the University of Texas at Austin. She did move to New York City with her fiancé, but both have now returned to New Hartford.

Fowler's passion for clothing prompted her to open a boutique that reflects her style. She also wanted to give young girls, like those from Hamilton, Colgate and Clinton, a simple and easy way to purchase the brands they love! Fowler takes care of the merchandising and inventory and she gets new items shipped to her store every week.

The purpose of this issue of Hamilton Style is to introduce and welcome great fashions to Clinton. Lauren's store has jeans, clutches, hobo's, jewelry, tops, sweaters, underwear, scarves and body products. Another thing that makes Fowler's boutique unique is that she can get you any brand you request! I hope you ladies take a trip down the Hill to take advantage of 22 College Street to shop, shop, shop!



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The inside of *Louel Fashion,* described by owner Lauren Fowler as having "a classy touch with a mix of traditional design."

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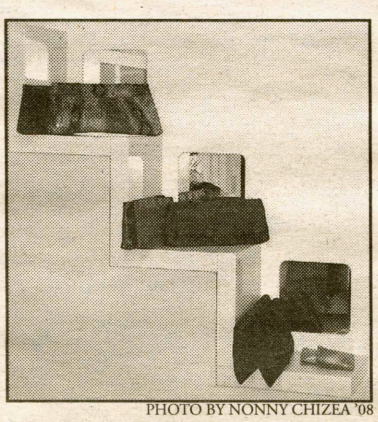

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Weekly SuDoku Puzzle

by Martin Connor '09
Features Editor

SuDoku- The Number Sensation that's Sweeping the Nation:
The rules are simple; why not give it a try!
Before you know you'll be Su-dicted!

Just fill every box with the numbers 1-9 so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains each number only once!

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Hamilton's new fleet of golden bicycles makes a flashy appearance on campus

by Mallory Reed '10
Features Writer

Hamilton has gotten a bit more glam with the introduction of the Gilded Bicycle Guild. This past week marked the commencement of the first communal bike system at Hamilton College as twenty golden bicycles were released for use by the entire community. According to Drew LaFiandra '07, mastermind behind the Guild, the project has thus far been a great success. He said, "I'm happy people are using the bikes and everything is going well."

After having his bike "borrowed" numerous times throughout his Hamilton career, LaFiandra was struck by the idea of having a set of bikes that anyone in the Hamilton community could use. The project began last year with the help of Taylor Janes '06 and with hard work and determination from a core group of people, it has finally come to fruition.

The Gilded Bicycle Guild consists of a fleet of twenty used bikes, mostly classic 50's-era one- and three-speeds. With funding from the Student Assembly, bikes were purchased from Welch's Bike Shop in Utica for 40 dollars a piece and are now property of Hamilton College.

This past weekend a group of students got together to spray paint the bikes gold on what LaFiandra said was "a really fun day." After being painted, the bikes were all named by the students. LaFiandra wanted the names to "reflect the people who got the bikes here and the obscure and fun things behind the Guild." The names cover a broad range and are derived from five languages including Chinese, French and Italian. They include "Bucephalus," Alexander the Great's horse, Horton, Buttons, Checkers, and more. According to LaFiandra, "the names reflect the sweetness of the Gilded Bicycle Guild."

Although there are no specific rules for the Gilded Bicycle Guild, the system runs on the community taking responsibility and being respectful of the bikes. LaFiandra wants it to be understood that "they are your bikes but they are also everyone else's bikes." According to LaFiandra, the bicycles are "fair game" and "are there for you to take them where you want." If you see a bike you can hop on and peddle to wherever you need to go. This also means that if you ride a bike to the library it might not be there when you come out.

There are certain forms of etiquette that need to be followed in order for the Guild to be a success. First of all, don't hog the bikes. LaFiandra reveals that the "system runs on all of us treating the bikes as our own, while letting everyone else use them." He requests that bikes should try to stay on the main campus as the bikes are old and might not be up to the challenge of conquering College Hill. However, if you need to take a bike down the Hill, make sure it gets back up. Furthermore, if you happen to find a bike lying around off campus, return it. LaFiandra requests, "be a part of the system."

Also, proper bike etiquette dictates that sidewalks are for pedestrians and roads and pathways are for bikers. If you must ride on Martin's Way, try to avoid busy times and walk or go slowly. LaFiandra would like bikers to "use roads or less traveled sidewalks." He emphasizes, "be responsible and safety first!"

Although there are still some things that need to be done with the bikes, LaFiandra says that after this weekend all 20 bicycles will have "no loose bolts and will be all ready to go." LaFiandra requests that if you find a bike that is out of service, email him at alafiand so that repairs can me made with the help of the Bicycle Co-op. He says, "If you see a Golden bike I want you to be able to use it."

LaFiandra expressed a desire to thank all those who have helped create the Golden Guild. He said, "I am truly overwhelmed seeing the different kinds of people using the bikes. I've gotten high five and handshakes. He added, "I'm really psyched the bikes are out and people are enjoying them."

PHOTOS BY MELISSA BALDING '09

Drew LaFiandra '07, the mastermind behind the Hamilton Gilded Bicycle Guild, and his fleet of golden bikes.

A few guidelines from Drew for using the golden bikes:

1) Please enjoy and use the bikes as much as possible

2) Please respect the bikes. If a bike is broken don't just toss it aside. Set it down at a bike rack and email Drew at alafiand. A lot of people put in a lot of work to bring these bikes to campus, please help to ensure that they stick around.

3) Please use the bikes in a safe manner. Many pedestrians are not as comfortable with cyclists whizzing by them on the bridge as the cyclists are whizzing by pedestrians. If Martin's Way is very busy choose an alternate route.

4) Please do not keep the bikes. The bikes are meant to benefit the whole campus. If you are interested in your own bike Drew would be more than happy to refer you to a bike shop.

5) Please remember that the bikes can't benefit anyone if they are lying in the bushes down the hill. Try to ride the bikes on the main campus (the top of the Hill) and if you do need to ride a bike down be sure to bring it back up!

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MINUTES

10/30/06

Meeting Called to Order: 9:00pm

Last Meeting's Minutes Read and Approved

Report of the Treasurer:

- $0 was approved for HEAG; the organization was asked to request funding from the Environmental Studies Department or the President's Office.
- $535.50 was approved for the Spanish Club for a cultural dinner on Friday November 3rd in the Azel Backus House.
- $419 was approved for the Student Interest Committee to fund a bus trip to the Saranac Brewery.
- $225 was approved for the Hamilton College Republicans to be used towards refreshments and publicity for an upcoming lecture.
- $0 was approved for RhymeLab
- $29.26 was approved for the Bicycle Guild to be used for bike paint.
- $600 was approved for Students Against Violence to fund a DJ, lighting and t-shirts.
- $400 was approved for the Class of 2007 to fund a bus trip to Turning Stone for 40 people.

Report of the Committee Chairs:
-Social Traditions Committee
-December 1st is the Citrus Bowl at Hamilton College. Bevin Kenny will design the t-shirts and they are to be navy with orange lettering. Before the game there will be a Buff n' Blue night at the Pub from 5:00-7:00 and t-shirts will be distributed beginning at 6:30.
-The Utica verses Hamilton Ice Hockey game at the Utica Arena on December 5th will have a concessions stand (sponsored by a Hamilton alumni) for students and alumni to enjoy. There will be a canned good give-away; students will receive a t-shirt for their donations.
-Facilities Committee
-Working on funding for lighting the American Flag.
-New movies began on November 1st.
-Student Interests Committee
-Saturday, November 11th there will be a trip to the Saranac Brewery.
-Sophomore Seminar changes-debating whether or not to make the seminars optional
-The committee has collected fifty syllabi thus far and they are working with the Registrar's Office to create a website for their display.
-Elections Committee
-Student Assembly President and Vice President elections will be held on Tuesday, December 5th.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25pm

THE CLASS OF 2007 VOLUNTEER FUND

What is it?

The Class of 2007 Senior Gift is a fund that will provide annual budget relief for Hamilton College's volunteer organizations. Two existing organizations, HAVOC and ASB, have over 300 active student volunteers and help thousands in both the immediate community and around the country.

Why is it great?

- **Transformative:** Our class's generosity will positively alter and transform volunteer organizations and the lives of those they help.
- **Tangible:** Our gift is tangible in that it invests in human capital and potential.
- **Renewable:** By investing our money with the Hamilton endowment, our gift will mature quickly over time – increasing our impact on future recipients.
- **Permanent:** The gift will endure and regenerate - it is a permanent legacy
- **Pride:** 2007 will receive reoccurring public recognition and appreciation every time our gift is awarded to Hamilton's volunteer organizations.

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Let's BEAT our deadlines. Here's how they breakdown:
Class of 2007 = **471 students**

11.10.06
25% = **118 seniors** = South
We get an additional **$1000** *from the Trustees.*

12.8.06
50% = **236 seniors** = Dunham
We get an additional **$2000** *from the Trustees.*

3.2.07
75% = **353 seniors** = Milbank + North + South
We get an additional **$3000** *from the Trustees.*

4.20.07
90% = **424 seniors** = Carnegie + Dunham + Milbank
We get an additional **$4000** *from the Trustees.*

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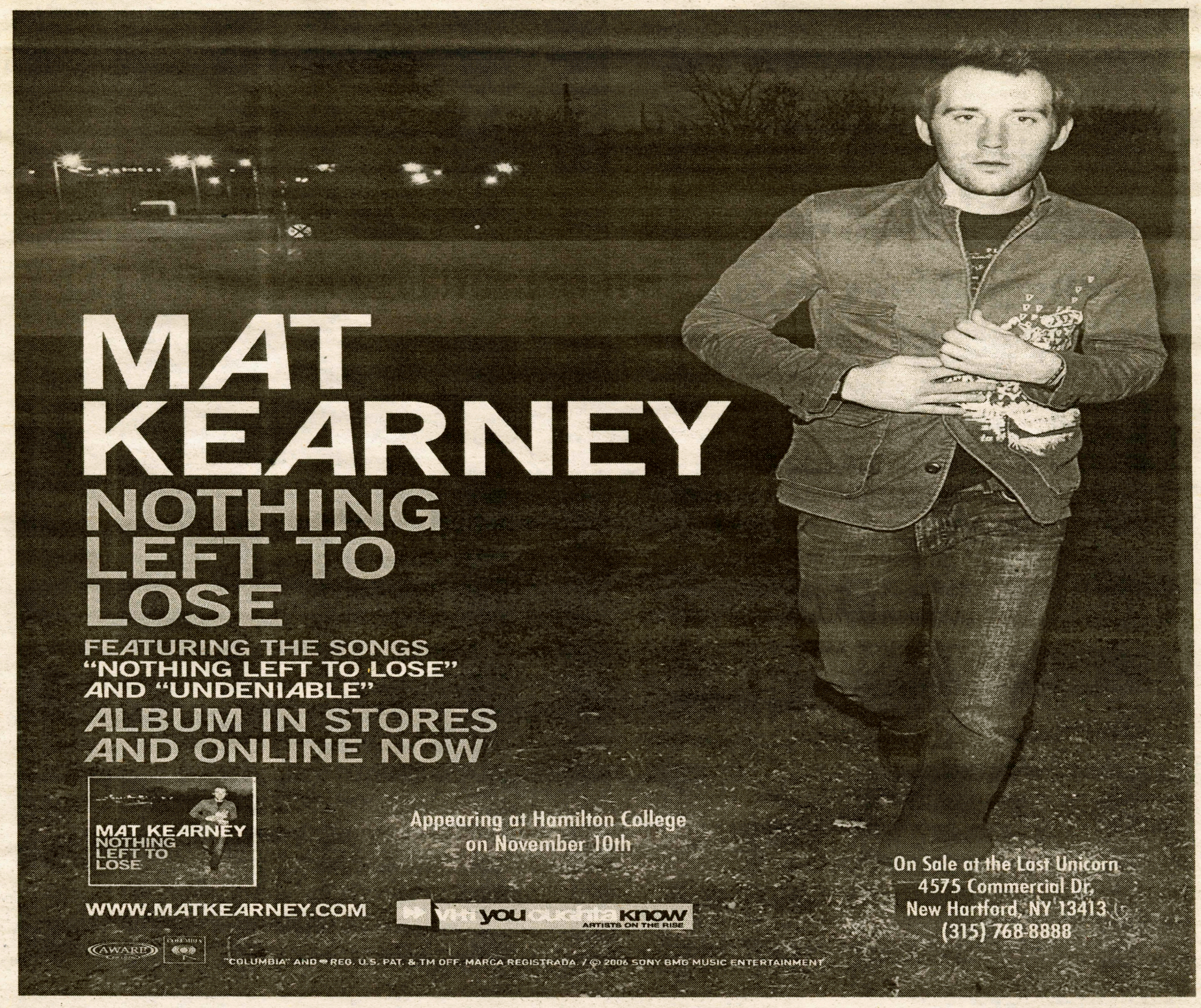
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Weekly Charts

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums

1. The Black Parade - My Chemical Romance
2. Once Again - John Legend
3. Saturday Night Wrist - Deftones
4. K-tel Presents: Scary Sounds of Halloween - Sound Effects
5. The Nightmare Before Christmas - Various Artists

Top Songs

1. My Love - Justin Timberlake feat. T.I.
2. Smack That - Akon
3. Fergalicious - Fergie
4. Lips of an Angel - Hinder
5. Chasing Cars - Snow Patrol

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)

1. Saw III
2. The Departed
3. The Prestige
4. Flags of Our Fathers
5. Open Season
6. Flicka
7. Man of the Year
8. The Grudge 2
9. Marie Antoinette
10. Running With Scissors

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction

1. DANCE OF THE GODS, by Nora Roberts
2. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
3. MARY, MARY, by James Patterson
4. PREDATOR, by Patricia Cornwell
5. TOXIC BACHELORS, by Danielle Steel

Paperback Non-Fiction

1. RUNNING WITH SCISSORS, by Augusten Burroughs
2. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
3. FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS, by James Bradley
4. NIGHT, by Elie Wiesel
5. DREAMS FROM MY FATHER, by Barack Obama

Veronica Mars: the best undiscovered show on television

by Kate Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor Emeritus

If you're not interested in hot celebrities, witty dialogue, detective stories, action, romance, humor, drama, mystery, revenge, suspense, murder or intrigue, then don't bother watching *Veronica Mars*. If you like your television characters one dimensional and your plot lines predictable, definitely don't watch this show. However, if you think of yourself as a person who has good taste, you should probably watch *Veronica Mars* before the cool kids start doubting you.

Veronica Mars is proof that television can rival film. The show was named one of the six best dramas on television by *Time Magazine*, and the writers spend four weeks developing each episode, resulting in what *L.A. Weekly* calls "hard-boiled dialogue…that stabs any potential cutesiness in the heart with an ice pick."

Unhappily for *Veronica Mars*, the show has been obscured by sub-par advertising and two seasons on the obscure UPN, which morphed into the CW in time to do a miserable job promoting season three. The unfortunate promos for *Veronica Mars* are misleading, presenting the image of your average teen drama, which couldn't be further from the truth. It is impossible not to get hooked. Stephen King says, "I can't take my eyes off the damn thing."

While much of the action revolves around mystery solving, with an almost unbearably awesome Veronica (Kristen Bell) working for her father Keith's (Enrico Colantoni) private investigation business, it would be wrong to say that this is purely a detective show.

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***Veronica Mars:* Stephen King likes it, and if you don't, then you may be irreverisbly damaged.**

True, if Veronica Mars and Nancy Drew ran into each other at a party they could probably sustain a five minute conversation, as the fierce and sassy Veronica has more on her mind than simply solving cases for the heck of it. The mysteries are all personal, tangled up in the socio-economic issues facing the class-segregated Neptune, California. (That's right, a Mars in Neptune. Although, Veronica doesn't drive a Saturn until season three.)

The show contrasts the sharp-edged, short-haired, sassy Veronica of the present with her alter ego of the past: the passive, sundress-wearing girlfriend of big man Duncan Kane. This Veronica frequents the show in a series of flashbacks, drawing the viewer into a disturbingly complicated world in which nothing is what it seems.

When Veronica's best friend, and Duncan's sister, Lilly, is murdered, Veronica's father makes the bold move to go after Lilly's father—the beloved town billionaire, Jake Kane. Veronica takes her father's side, and when someone else confesses, Keith loses his job and Veronica loses her friends. And thus begins season one.

The show moves very fast, and there are always several mysteries occurring simultaneously, which makes it important to start watching from the beginning. Each season revolves around one big mystery, with individual mysteries speckling each episode. Most episodes resolve one small mystery, with Veronica getting closer and closer to solving the big one—this ultimately leads up to a breath-taking, seat gripping season finale of movie-proportions. Also, unlike the majority of shows on television, the characters on *Veronica Mars* demonstrate unparalleled depth and development. The characters are complex, and the lines are blurred between good guys and bad guys. Even Veronica and Keith are deeply flawed, making them only more endearing.

Kevin Smith says, "This is hands down the best show on television right now, and proof that TV can be far better than cinema," and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* creator Joss Whedon summarizes succinctly, "Best. Show. Ever." If you're watching anything else, you should probably stop, because *Veronica Mars* is the best thing to happen to television. Ever.

Upcoming November Acoustic Coffeehouse

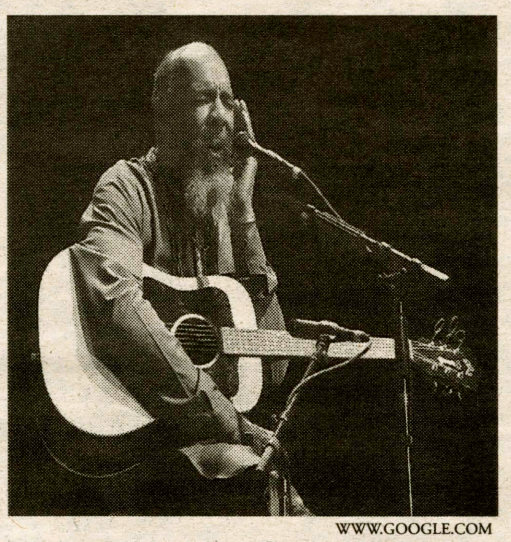
by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

November 9, CAB will present the legendary Richie Havens in the Acoustic Coffeehouse series. Havens has been around since the 1960s when he emerged from the Greenwich Village Folk scene, and performed at Woodstock, as well as the Woodstock Anniversary celebration.

Havens' music often conveys messages of brotherhood and personal freedom. Havens has appeared on *The Ed Sullivan Show* and *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*.

Havens is best known for his song "Here Comes the Sun," which was off of *Alarm Clock* his first album to reach the Billboard Top 30 Chart.

Havens says that his "albums are meant to be a chronological view of the times we've come through, what we've thought about and what we've done to grow and change. There's a universal point to which we all respond, and where all songs apply to everyone".



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Richie Havens, two Woodstocks later and still going strong.

The night will open with Tyrone Wells. Wells grew up as a preacher's kid in Spokane, Washington listening to gospel music. Wells combines pop, soul and rock into passionate, unique and irresistible music that convey powerful, sincere messages of true love and heartbreak.

Wells has been on the music scene for the past five years and in that short span of time has made quite a name for himself, playing sold-out shows at The House of Blues, The El Rey Theatre, The Viper Room (and others), and having his songs featured on numerous television shows.

His major label album, "Hold On," which was produced by Chris Karn, is a fine piece of music that proves Wells' versatility as a songwriter and his inevitable sticking power as an artist.

Make sure you come out to see Richie Havens and Tyrone Wells, who will most likely follow in Havens' footsteps, November 9, 8 p.m. in the Fillius Events Barn.

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SK Films presents *The Exorcist* and *Army of Darkness*

by Leighton Smith '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Haven't gotten enough Halloween yet? You are in luck. This weekend, SK Films brings you a double feature spooktacular with two classic horror films: *The Exorcist* and *Army of Darkness*. I say "horror," but neither of these movies falls neatly into this genre; they are not mindless slashers, or movies with simple plots and excessive violence. One is almost a drama; the other is almost a comedy. Each has established a nice little niche within the pantheon of horror movies, but for very different reasons.

Many have described *The Exorcist* as one of the scariest films of all time. Such statements are a bit dicey, but *The Exorcist* does stand alone in terms of cinematic importance.

At the time of its release in 1973, not many movies had elicited religious boycotts and actual audience puking like *The Exorcist* did. The gamble paid off, though, for filmmaker William Friedkin, whose film has gone on to become one of the most revered of all time.

For anyone who is not familiar with the plot to *The Exorcist*, here it is: A young girl, Regan, has been possessed by the devil. After exhausting all other conceivable options, Regan's mother turns to a priest and a Jesuit exorcist to help her daughter. If you haven't seen *The Exorcist*, you don't want to miss this chance to catch it on the big screen. Even if you have it is worth revisiting.

To fully appreciate the other movie showing this weekend, *Army of Darkness*, I believe it is necessary to do a little homework. And by homework I mean watching other movies. And by other movies, I mean the first two installments of Sam Raimi's *The Evil Dead Trilogy*. These movies are *The Evil Dead* and *The Evil Dead II: Dead by Dawn*.

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Linda Blair in *The Exorcist*: A face even a mother couldn't love?

It is my impression that many people only see *Army of Darkness*, which is actually the third and final chapter of the Trilogy. It is fascinating to watch all three films in succession, however, and witness the evolution that takes place.

The Evil Dead was shot on a shoestring budget with rudimentary special effects and no-name actors. The technical quality greatly improved over the next two movies, but they stuck with their leading man, Bruce Campbell, a self-proclaimed B-List Actor, who plays the franchise's main character, Ash. Ash utters some of the greatest one-liners of all time, and just to hear him say them should be reason enough to go see *Army of Darkness*. But there's more.

The sense of humor also evolved from one film to the next. It is extremely dark in *The Evil Dead*, but gradually lightens up and by the time we get to *Army of Darkness*, the hard edge is gone but the laughs still remain. *Army of Darkness* had a much larger budget (a reported $11 million, compared to $350,000 and $3.5 million for the first and second installments, respectively), and its scale it much greater than its predecessors. *Army of Darkness* most closely resembles what you would expect to see coming from Hollywood, whereas the precursors had an entirely different aesthetic.

The plotline that runs through the trilogy is somewhat familiar, but don't get the idea that these movies are hackneyed in any way; nothing could be farther from the truth. The story centers on a group of young adults who travel to a cabin in the woods. There, they discover an ancient text – The Book of the Dead – and unwittingly summon a menagerie of demons and other malevolent spirits. Then things get good.

But that's still only the first installment. My recommendation to you would be to go and see *Army of Darkness* this weekend, even if you haven't seen the first two.

In truth, the first two are very similar. Indeed, some have even called the second a remake. So, you can easily go see *Army of Darkness* and you will quickly get caught up on all of the back-story. But, I trust you to go and see *The Evil Dead* and *Evil Dead Two II: Dead by Dawn* as soon as you get the chance. This is one assignment that you simply cannot afford to skip.

Comedian kills bug

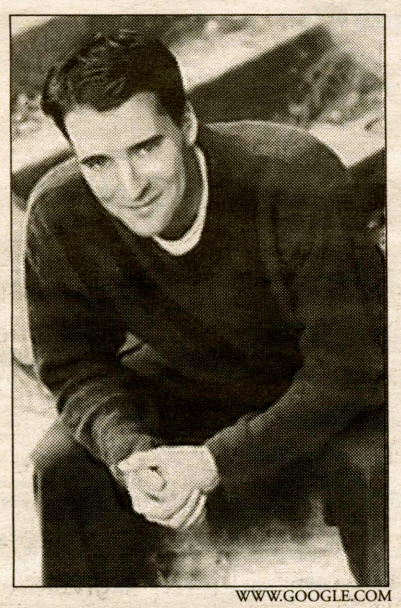
by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

This past weekend, CAB Comedy brought comedians Sara Shea and Juston McKinney to campus for Parents Weekend. Good, clean humor was had and Clinton, NY was relieved of a few deadly mosquitoes.

Headliner Juston McKinney has been on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *The King of Queens*, and Comedy Central. His impressive form of comedy had something for everyone and kept the audience happy.

One of McKinney's first jokes was directed straight at *The Spectator*, citing last week's front page's headlines about the future of the sophomore seminar and the exhibit in the library about a murder from 1905.

He then proceeded to joke about how he was actually performing in a barn, how on his way up he passed only cows and cemeteries, and, of course, college humor, such as the evil, malicious intent of shower curtains.



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Juston McKinney: serial bug killer, seriously funny man.

McKinney was very funny and he performed to a packed Annex. During his skit, he killed a bug and then proclaimed that next week, the front page headline would be "comedian killed bug." So, Juston McKinney, this article is for you.

Catch A Fire released

by Zoe Bruck '10
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Last Friday marked the release of the historical thriller *Catch a Fire*, starring Derek Luke and Tim Robbins. The movie tells the incredible true story of Patrick Chamusso, a straight-laced factory worker and family man who is transformed by the injustice and hatred he faces as a black man in South Africa during 1980, into a freedom fighting terrorist bent on destroying the apartheid system that had kept him a second class citizen for so long.

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***Catch a Fire*: an inside look at apartheid and its impact.**

Catch A Fire is an extremely insightful look into the effects that the apartheid system had on those who lived under it. In the beginning of the movie, Patrick Chamusso is a hardworking man who stays out of trouble and away from politics. Yet, he somehow finds himself suspected of sabotaging the factory in which he works. He is picked up and questioned by antiterrorist investigator, Nick Vos.

Patrick is released from police custody after days of physical and emotional torture, filled with rage and determined to no longer sit idly by while injustice after injustice is carried out against his people. He leaves his family to train in Mozambique and return to South Africa to bring the oppressive government down by whatever means necessary.

The story is more than one of good versus evil; it is a study of the circumstances that make good men do terrible things. It is very difficult to see the investigator, Nick Vos, as a heartless monster. Although Vos commits deplorable acts, in his eyes, Patrick is a criminal who must be caught and punished.

Catch A Fire is a thrilling bio-pic of Patrick Chamusso's dramatic experience under the cruel and oppressive apartheid system, as well as a larger look into the political and social circumstances of the time. It is at times touching, at times painful, but overall a very poignantly told story of one man's self discovery amidst oppression and heartbreak.

Hamilton Playlist

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

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Classic Rock Playlist

1. *Don't Stop Me Now* by Queen - featured in one of the best scenes in "Shaun of the Dead."

2. *Pinball Wizard* by The Who - Deaf, dumb and blind kid who is amazing at pinball? Fan-tas-tic!

3. *Kashmir* by Led Zeppelin - Not "Stairway to Heaven," but definitely one of the best songs.

4. *I'm the Man* by Anthrax - Maybe not "classic" but definitely entertaining, and the precursor for the Beastie Boys.

5. *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart Club Band* by The Beatles - One of the best songs off of the album of the same name.

6. *Ziggy Stardust* by David Bowie - Very fun song to play on Guitar Hero.

7. *Dark Side of the Moon* by Pink Floyd - because there is "no dark side of the moon."

8. *10583 Overture* by ELO - Electric Light Orchestra makes strings rock. Almost literally.

9. *(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction* by The Rolling Stones - You can't have a "classic rock" list without the Rolling Stones.

10. *Sweet Home Alabama* by Lynyrd Skynyrd - You either love it or you hate it, but this song will probably never die.

Have a playlist you're dying to share? Think other people listen to bad music? Want to know what your professors and administration listen to?
Let us know your playlists or whose playlists you want to know. Email **ndietsch** *or* **rmintzer**, *and share your ideas with us.*

Darwin Award of the Week

Named in honor of Charles Darwin, the father of evolution, the Darwin Awards commemorate those who improve our gene pool by removing themselves from it.

"Macho men?"

Some men will got to extraordinary lengths to prove how macho they are. Frenchman Pierre Pumpille recently shunted a stationary car two feet by headbutting it. "Women thought I was a god," he explained from his hospital bed.

Deity or not, however, Pumpille is a veritable girl's blouse compared to Polish farmer Krystof Azninski, who staked a strong claim to being Europe's most macho man by cutting off his own head in 1995. Azninski, 30, had been drinking with friends when it was suggested they strip naked and play some "men's games". Initially they hit each other over the head with frozen turnips, but then one man upped the ante by seizing a chainsaw and cutting off the end of his foot. Not to be outdone, Azninski grabbed the saw and, shouting "Watch this then," he swung at his own head and chopped it off.

"It's funny," said one companion, "when he was young he put on his sister's underwear. But he died like a man."

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The risks of the internet and its usage: an interview with Dr. Peng Hwa Ang

by Emily Poe '10
Copy Editor

Q- How high of a risk is a student taking when illegally downloading music?

Students are taking a high risk when illegally downloading music, though at a low probability. It's like an earthquake- the chance of being in one is low, but if you are caught in one you have a slim chance of getting out of it.

Q- Do you think making examples out of some students who download illegally is an effective method at preventing it in the future?

You need to kill the chicken to scare the monkey. What they are doing now is going after retail to effect wholesale. I think we need to try to go after wholesale as well though to make the biggest impact. [Only going after retail] is also driving downloading underground more. Overall, if people are really determined to [illegally download music] though, then they can.

Q- Is using credit card information to purchase items electronically safe?

Yes, I think it is safe. But, you do need to be sure that the site is safe. I have not heard of electronic money getting stolen, only soft money. [In fact], Merchants are cheated more than buyers are.

Q- What signs should we look for to ensure the security/privacy of our personal information?

Do not respond to an email [asking you to go] to a website. You should choose the site. Be aware of phishing, or when [fake] companies have similar names to real companies and try to ask you for your [personal information].

Q- How do you think this generation's view of the internet, differs from say their parent's view?

This generation thinks that the internet has everything, [such as] term papers and reference materials. This generation is also more tech savvy than previous generations, but also a bit lazy. The concern is that that is not all the information out there. [We] need to stop expecting an instantaneous response and become more interactive.

Q- What do you think will be the biggest challenge with the internet in the coming years?

Globally, it is the issue of language. Very soon China will have more people on the internet than the U.S. Though, [at the same time], the more people that use it the better it is.

Q- Could you tell me a bit about the Internet Governance?

Internet governance is about how the internet is ruled, or the "approach to the rules." The challenge the U.S. faces is that it must surrender some controls to become dominant. But, [the question is], to what extent is the political system allowed to do it? The [U.S.] must surrender some powers for the larger good. The leader should not only care in its own interest.

See page 2 for article on Ang's Lecture

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Dabney Dixon, Dept. of Chemistry, Georgia State University

November 10
Brian Miller, Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Florida State University
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Biology

November 3, 4:10 p.m. SC3040
Hannah Stahle '03
Quinnipiac University School of Law.
"Science, Medicine, and the Law: Why a JD may be the perfect accessory to a science degree."

November 27, 3:00 p.m. SC3040
Dr. Bryant Buchanon, Dept. of Biology, Utica College.
"Environmental and evolutionary factors influencing the expression of alternative reproductive tactics in treefrogs."

Physics

November 6, 4:00 p.m. SCG041
Rachel Bean, Cornell University
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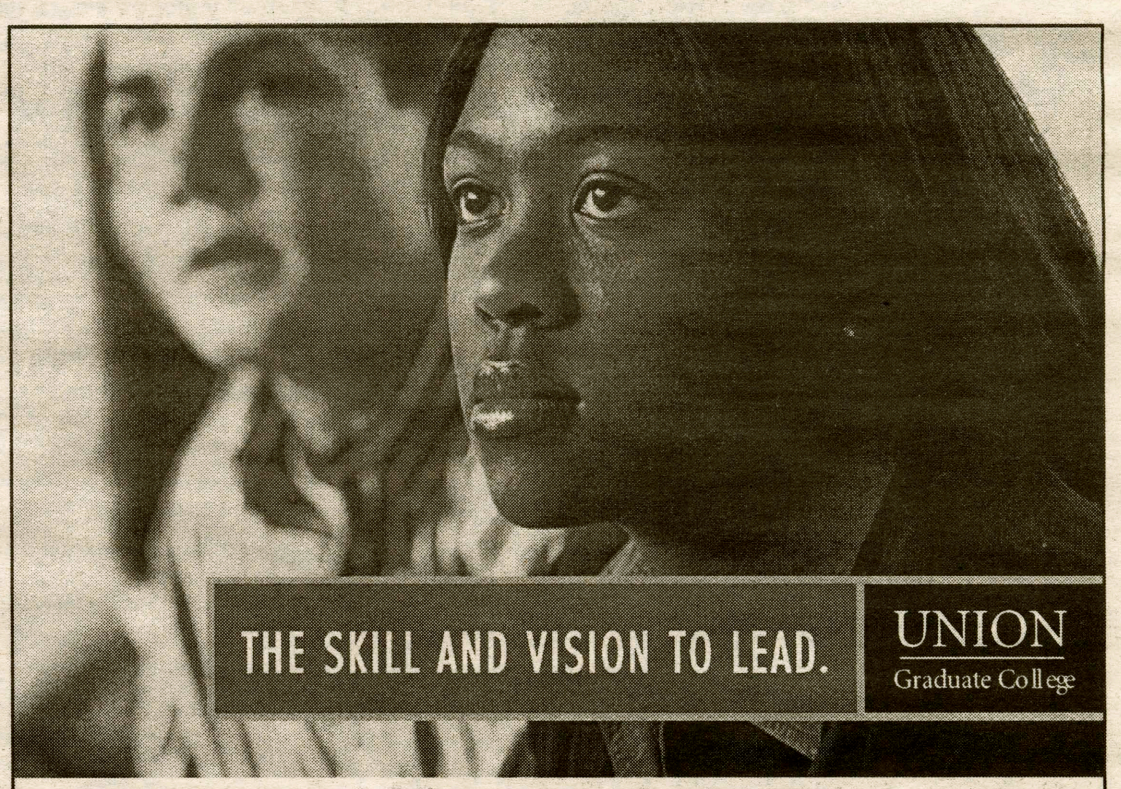

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Rugby play-off hopes are still very much alive

Women and men to travel to Batavia, NY to play St. Bonaventure and Niagara Universities

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by Lindsay Jones '09
Sports Writer

The play-off run continues for the men's and women's rugby teams, who, for the first time in eight years, have both won Division III state championships. The pair of wins sends them to Genesee Community College in Batavia, NY, next weekend, where they will be representing their league in regional play.

The undefeated women (4-0, 6-0), and the once-beaten men (3-1, 7-1), battled through terrible weather conditions at St. Lawrence University on Saturday against challenging opponents, St. Bonaventure University and Niagara University, respectively. Despite strong winds, inches of standing water and mud, and dangerously low temperatures, both teams dominated play, as they have all season, to bring home a twosome of state titles.

For the Exiles, coached by Brad Jones, this was a monumental victory, considering that last year the program went without a single league victory. Not to mention, the team's only loss this season was dealt by their opponents in the title game, Niagara University, just two weeks before.

Despite falling behind early in the contest, the Exiles' relentless offense and sturdy defense proved to be too much for their first place opponents. Off of a pass from Jesse Stromwick '09, Rich Bryan '08 started the Exiles offense with an early try, as he muscled his way into the opposing try-zone. Robbie Lawrence '10 added to the attack, scoring a tie-breaking try in the first half, making the score 12-7. Brendan Campbell '09 played a crucial offensive role, kicking for three game-winning points; points that the Exiles would eventually be grateful they had, as Niagara continued its scoring late in the game. Likewise, Co-Captain Jon Milgrom '08 crushed the heart of Niagara's offense, with a detrimental hit to their key player. Milgrom's defensive pressure essentially took Niagara's best player out of the game.

Co-Captain Dillon Prime '07, who deservedly was named the 2006 New York State Rugby Conference League Most Valuable Player, had nothing but praise for his teammates. Prime commended Bryan and Tyler Rogers '07 for their composure under pressure throughout the entire game. Kieran Feeley '07 and Lars Margolis '09 were also noted for their dominant play by Prime. "Hooker Kieran Feeley played hands-down the best game of his career...[Lars'] offensive and defensive pressure kept Niagara off-balance, and stopped them from ever breaking-away."

The dangerous weather conditions didn't make the win any easier for Ann Brown and the women's team. The lady Exiles battled through a combined 110 minutes of regulation and sudden-death overtime, finally ending the game with a penalty kick by Co-Captain Robin Peck '07. According to Melissa Coffey '07, "I think the most amazing aspect of this game was our incredible team-tackling ability...It was a test of our ability to remain focused and determined to win."

This championship matchup was clearly the hardest fought battle for the undefeated women's team, who out-scored their opponents a remarkable 233-7 this season! A trip to the state finals is not new, however, for this year's squad. The women's team suffered a disappointing loss last season in the state finals, making this year's victory so much sweeter for this season's returning players, and especially the seniors. "This season has not only been the most intense, but the most memorable. I had my doubts this season since we had so many seniors graduate last year...Words cannot explain how it feels to win states and be on a state championship team," four-year veteran and Back-Captain Diana Gaydusek '07 proudly said.

Success for both of these teams can be attributed to a number of factors; young and eager rookies, knowledgeable coaches, and the hours of practice these players have dedicated to their sport. It is in accordance among Hamilton ruggers, however, that the development and success of the men's and women's rugby program at Hamilton College occurred greatly in part because of the dedication and love of the sport exhibited by the Class of 2007. For the seniors on both teams, the tides have certainly turned for Exiles rugby, considering that when they began their rugby careers at Hamilton, they were members of teams with losing records, poor reputations, and little credibility as a college sport. "When something comes full circle like this, you can't really help but take a moment and marvel at it," Prime exalted.

Volleyball ends season with record-setting matches

O'Connor ranked for digs in one season; Massaro earns career honors for kills, digs and aces

by Erin Hoener '10
Sports Writer

The Hamilton volleyball team finished up their season with three tough matches against Middlebury College, Tufts University (ranked fourth in the NESCAC), and Amherst College (ranked third in the NESCAC). Although the Continentals did not come up victorious in any of their matches, they had quite an eventful weekend with many new names in the Hamilton record books.

Last Friday night, picking up 22 digs of her own, sophomore Amber O'Connor surpassed the record for digs in one season set by Dee Martin '06 just last year. As well, senior Co-Captain Allie Massaro slid into fifth place in the record books for career kills with 704, the last 10 added in the team's game against Tufts.

Setting up the attack against the Jumbos was Julia Penrose '09 who had 15 assists and Michelle Fisher '10 with 12.

The Saturday games against Amherst and Middlebury provided quite a bit of excitement as well. Kristen Selden '09 led the Continental attack against Amherst with 9 kills and added 7 kills against Middlebury. Selden ended the season with a team-high 256 kills and 69 blocks.

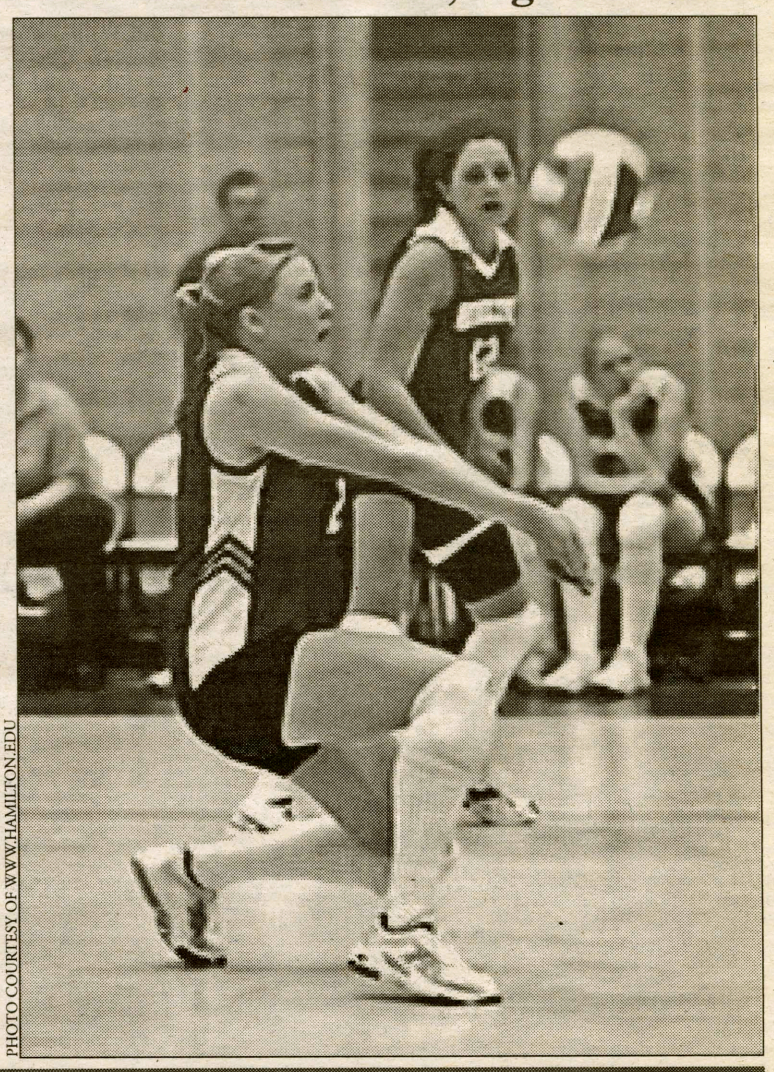
According to senior Co-Captain Laura Belden, her favorite plays of the season came in their last game against Middlebury, "Not only did we play well, but Kristen Selden hit a girl dead smack in the face, knocking her over, and Julia Penrose (our setter who is quite short) had her first block ever!" Penrose, who is just 5-feet-2-inches, is much more well known for her setting skills than her blocking prowess. She passed out 20 assists in the match against Amherst and 16 against Middlebury ending the season with 679 assists and ranked 10th in NESCAC.

This past weekend saw two new Continentals find places in the Hamilton record books. O'Connor finished out the season with 489 digs solidifying her record for digs in one season and finishing 4th in the NESCAC regular season statistics.

Additionally, senior Allie Massaro is all over the record books, finishing fifth in career kills with 716, 3rd in career digs with 1,158 and second in career aces with 158.

The Continentals finish their season with a record of 9-21. As they are a rather young squad there is much hope for the future according to sophomore Amber O'Connor, "Hamilton volleyball will continue to get better and better. Although we have some key seniors leaving the team this year we are looking forward to some big recruits who are coming in next year."

With sophomores Selden, O'Connor and Penrose already leading statistically, Hamilton volleyball looks to be headed for a bright future.



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Women's XC heads to St. Lawrence

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by Tom Gillespie '09
Sports Writer

Women's cross country has been rolling through their competition this year. Strong finishes in Saratoga helped to solidify this team as one of the best in both the NESCAC and the Liberty League.

At the Rensselaer Invitational held at Saratoga Spa State Park, Hamilton finished 11th out of 18 teams. Becky Mackenzie '08 was Hamilton's best runner, placing 24th out of 202 runners. Hamilton had three runners who finished under twenty minutes, Abby Jones '09, Gen Flanders '09, and Mackenzie. Keene State won the meet with 47 points while Hamilton collected 277.

Unfortunately, the team suffered many injuries, ranging from minor to serious, at Saratoga. Details are not specific, but it is said that many of the injuries are to be blamed on the quality of the course and the wildlife that reside on it.

At NESCAC championships, Hamilton placed 10th out of eleven schools. The championship meet was held in Waterford, CT, on October 28. The NESCAC is considered by many to be the most competitive conference for distance running in Division III.

The Hamilton women put up a valiant effort, but could not come up with the times necessary to beat a majority of the field. Mackenzie was Hamilton's best runner with a time of 24:52. Mackenzie placed 36th out of 124 runners. Other noteworthy finishes included Jones at 75th and Flanders at 87th.

This weekend, Hamilton will travel to St. Lawrence for the New York State Track Conference Championships. The Lady Continentals hope to do well in this race as it may assist them in getting a bid to NCAA's. GO CONTS!

Club Sport Update

by Rob Dunn '07
Sports Contributor

The **Ultimate Frisbee Team** is having their last home game against Colgate this Saturday, November 4, so come support the Ultimate Frisbee Team against Colgate. The game is at 3 p.m. on the baseball field. Contact Greg Esser at gesser@hamilton.edu for more information.

The **Cross Country Ski Team** is looking for anyone interested in learning how to ski or interested in improving their skills. The team will begin skiing as soon as the snow falls and competitions (optional for team members) will begin in January. Next meeting: Sunday, November 5 at 8 p.m. in the Glen House. Upcoming events: Soloman representative appearing at Sonne's Sporting Goods on November 14 to discuss package deals for ski equipment. Questions? Contact Tim Eddy at teddy@hamilton.edu.

Intramural Update

by Leanne Pasquini '07
Sports Contributor

Fall IM sports are winding down just in time for winter sports to begin. Some highlights from the fall season include the first ever 3v3 basketball tournament that was played on the weekend of September 15-16. The winners of the tournament include Jay Henderson '07, Ben Breisch '07, John Kibbe '09, and Alex "Booger" Anderson '09. Participants in the badminton league continue to dominate the court in the alumni gym. For anyone interested in participating please contact Liz Gilliams '07 (egilliam). IM soccer is currently experiencing its biggest season ever. The season began with 26 total teams and is now in the first round of playoffs, which include the top four teams in each league competing for the oh-so-valuable IM Championship t-shirts. Real Hot Pants and Team Senior Interns will be playing in the B-league championship game, which will take place this weekend. The A league duel will be between FC Oneida and Team Awesome. FC Oneida defeated FC Molach in sudden death overtime, while Team Awesome defeated Del Mundo with a deciding 4-0 victory. The Squash league is enjoying the new facility. In the latest update John DeWitt '09 beat beat Sander Doucette '09 (9-3, 10-8, 9-6), Alexander De Moor '10 defeated Sam Bromley '08 (9-4, 9-6, 9-3), DeMoor increased his advantage over Jordan Fischetti '08 to 10 to 6, Chris Piatelli '07 beat Chris Schimpf '07 (9-4, 9-3, 4-9, 4-9, 9-5), and Professor Onno Oerlemans defeated Director of Outdoor Leadership Andrew Jillings (9-5, 9-4, 9-6).

Winter sports will begin the second week of November and include Basketball, Volleyball, Indoor Soccer, Ice Hockey, Squash, Racquetball, and Inner tube Water Polo. For more information contact: TJ Reynods (basketball) @ treynold, John Gordon (hockey) @ jgordon, Matt Stewart (racquetball, squash) @ mstewart, Pat Hodgens (indoor soccer) @ phodgens, Coach Thompson (volleyball, inner tube water polo) @ dthompso.

Next week:
-Winners of IM Soccer Playoffs (A and B league)

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Kansas City @ St. Louis	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	St. Louis	Kansas City
Dallas @ Washington	Washington	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Indianapolis @ New England	New England	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	New England
NCAA Football					
#13 LSU @ #8 Tennessee	Tennessee	LSU	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
#16 BC @ #22 Wake Forest	BC	BC	BC	BC	BC
#18 Oklahoma @ #21 Texas A&M	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
#23 Virginia Tech @ Miami	VA Tech	VA Tech	VA Tech	VA Tech	Miami
NHL					
Toronto @ Buffalo, 11/4	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo
New Jersey @ Montreal, 11/4	Montreal	New Jersey	Montreal	New Jersey	New Jersey

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Men's soccer to host Liberty Leagues this weekend

Hamilton v. #4 Skidmore today at 11 a.m. followed by #2 Hobart v. #3 St. Lawrence at 1:30 p.m.

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

Zach Kelly '07 leads the Hamilton defense.

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Writer

Forget the first full Annex party; the biggest event on campus this weekend takes place today at 11 a.m. on Love Field. For the first time in the history of the program, Hamilton men's soccer hosts the Liberty League Championship Tournament.

The four best teams in the league, Hamilton, Skidmore, St. Lawrence and Hobart will play today, with the winners fighting for the title tomorrow at noon.

Hoping for a league championship and with number one seed under their belt, the Continentals entered last Saturday's game in high spirits. Lousy weather couldn't keep parents, family members and fans from coming out to support the team in their regular season closer against SUNY Geneseo. Being a non-league competitor did not make the Knights any less formidable—in a recent coaches poll, they were ranked sixth in the northeast region, only two spots behind Hamilton. They are also the SUNYAC champions.

Trevor Clarkson '09 started in goal, taking over for an injured Anthony Carello '09. He finished with two saves, recording his second straight shutout. Clarkson also was honored by the Liberty League this week, earning co-Defensive Performer of the Week. Bryant Michels '08 scored the game-winning goal unassisted less than two minutes into the game. Hamilton still continued to dominate offensively, taking twice as many shots as Geneseo. Though some unfortunate injuries have sidelined key players, such as Carello and Max Akuamoah-Boateng '09, others on the team have certainly stepped up. Head Coach Perry Nizzi says that "Max will be out for a while longer, but Mike Hannan has filled his spot very nicely."

Hopes are high going into this weekend's tournament. Nizzi says "we've gone to the championship game three out of the five years the tournament has been held. We're hoping to make it four out of six." Their experience and success in the conference makes Hamilton a force to be reckoned with. "Hamilton and St. Lawrence are the only two teams in the conference who have made the conference tournament all six years. It's quite an accomplishment for Hamilton," says Nizzi.

Winning the Liberty League Championship is not the only thing on the team's mind. The winner of Saturday's game is given an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament.

Hamilton beat St. Lawrence to win their first and only league tournament title back in 2004. They made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament that year.

The Continentals lead the Thoroughbreds 21-3-1 in the overall series, yet Nizzi says, "all the teams would give us some type of problem, they are all strong in different ways." Hamilton enters the tournament with a 6-1 league record, while #2-seed Hobart is 5-0-2.

The top two teams share the same win-percentage; #3 St. Lawrence and #4 Skidmore have the same record. Nizzi comments that this year is "by far most equal year I've seen in all the years we've had the tournament. This is the year it's most up for grabs. Even though in other years there have been upsets, four teams have never been more equal."

Hamilton is 7-1 this season on Love Field. They are currently riding a six game winning streak, their last loss being to Hobart on September 30. With an offense led by Greg Rogan '07 and Ian Hildebrand '07, who are tied for fifth for goals in the league, the outlook is positive. Rogan also holds the all-time points record for the program with 70 points, and is tied for the career record with 29 goals.

The addition of a large home crowd should also boost the performance of the Continentals. Be sure to lend your support as Hamilton hosts Skidmore today at 11 a.m., followed by Hobart vs. St. Lawrence at 1:30 p.m. The winners of both games battle at noon Saturday on Love Field. This weekend certainly has the chance to be a memorable couple of days for Hamilton soccer.

NFL: Midseason Report of midseason suprises

by Sean Hopper '09
Sports Writer

With week nine soon approaching we have already reached the midway point in the 2006-2007 NFL season. As for my predictions in the beginning of the season, I'm looking both good and bad with surprises that most people, including myself couldn't see happening. The two teams that *Sports Illustrated* predicted to go to the Super Bowl, the Miami Dolphins and the Carolina Panthers are a combined 5 wins and 10 losses.

Midseason Surprises:

The Chicago Bears: I gave them grief at the start of the seasonon for being a sub-par team that would win because they play in a bad division. Their division remains terrible, but the Bears have done nothing but win, besides the scare they got from the Cardinals. They have taken care of opponents with a scary defense and the emergence of Rex Grossman. As much as I don't like admitting it, they're good.

The New Orleans Saints: Who would of thought? The Saints had the second worst record in the NFL last season and look at them now: they are in first place in the NFC South, a division that includes the Carolina Panthers and Atlanta Falcons. It's not as though they're just winning against bad teams, they have beaten the Falcons and the Eagles. Reggie Bush has rejuvenated the franchise with the help of Drew Brees and fellow rookie Marques Colston. To see the Superdome so rowdy on Monday Night Football earlier this season for the home opener was truly a great thing.

The Pittsburgh Steelers: Thanks Roethlisberger. Thanks to you my pre-season pick of the Steelers winning the division is over. I feel bad for the guy but with the exception of one game "Big Ben" has turned into "Little Ben." Instead of leading his team to wins he has only had losses. In only six games he has six touchdowns to 11 interceptions posting an ugly 70.6 quarterback ranking. Last week he threw four interception, two of which were returned for touchdowns which resulted in a loss to the lowly Raiders. Something big needs to happen or Steelers fans should start to talk about next season.

The New Coaches: Usually the adjustment to the NFL is hard for first-time coaches and a losing season is usually in the cards, well not this year. Eric Mangini of the New York Jets has changed the defense and brought in a new offensive coordinator. With the leadership of Chad Pennington, he has lead the jets to a .500 record. Scott Linehan of the St. Louis Rams has opened up a more balanced attack on offense utilizing RB Stephen Jackson more then Martz did while leading them to a 4-3 record. Finally Sean Payton has done a superb job with the New Orleans Saints.

Teams that should be winning: Many experts picked teams like the Miami Dolphins, Pittsburgh Steelers and Washing Redskins to be in the playoffs and possible the Super Bowl. But guess what the best record on those list of teams are 2-5, unless they all go on winning streaks to end the season the likelihood of them making the playoffs are very slim.

Biggest Bust: This award most certainly will go to the "Edge." Edgerrin James, after signing a multi-million dollar deal to leave the Colts for the Arizona Cardinals, has not put up the numbers for which he is being paid. In eight games, he only has three touchdowns and has rushed for 516 yards. Oh if that isn't bad enough for you, his yards per carry is 2.8, that is one of the lowest for starting running backs in the league. He can't take all the blame with a bad offensive line, but this year has shown that maybe he wasn't the premiere back we all thought he was.

Midseason MVP: Peyton Manning. Although he and McNabb have put up similar numbers, Donovan hasn't been able to lead his team to victory against four different teams compared to Peyton who seems to perform better when the pressure is on (Bronco's, Jets, Giants, etc). Peyton isn't putting up incredible numbers but his ability to come up in the clutch gives him my vote over the former Orangeman McNabb.

This weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 11/3:
Women's Soccer @ Union (Liberty League Champs)
Men's Soccer v. Skidmore (Liberty League Champs)

Saturday 11/4:
Football v. Middlebury
XC (W)@ St. Lawrence (NYSCTC Champs)
XC (M) @ St. Lawrence (NYSCTC Champs)

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